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Venango Voice

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Welcome to Venango Campus

Venango Campus has dedicated itself to maintaining an inclusive learning environment, addressing the needs of students directly out of high school, as well as returning older students. A step off the beaten path, the serene setting inspires reasoned focus and calm thought. Our student services department is committed to helping advance the goal of learning with pro-active policies, such as the Venango Experience Seminars (VES), which offer study tips and tested techniques employed by the best students.

Venango's Learning Support Center (LSC 318MH), as well as the Writing Center (319MH), provide a comfortable learning environment for ironing out wrinkles in understanding. Staffed by successful students, their value can't be overstated. Hours for the LSC and The

Writing Center will be printed in an upcoming issue of this publication. Schedules will also be available at the respective service centers. The LSC will be open at 9 AM on the 27th to answer questions and offer services.

The Career Center in 230 Montgomery Hall, is always ready to answer questions and offer insight into career decisions. Another valuable resource on the second floor of Montgomery is confidential counseling. When the stress is high, it can be a real help just to talk to someone who understands. Welcome once again to Venango Campus. It's going to be great semester. ♦



"Education is not
a sealed
document stating
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requirements.
Education is
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Congratulations on

choosing to advance your education, arguably the most significant decision you will make in your life. Making it suggests that you are interested in living to the fullest, that you recognize the value of thorough understanding. Learning is full of wonder and intrigue, requires focused thought and personal discipline. Your education will not be handed to you. It will be offered, placed before you—the sweetest coolest substance there is. Drink deeply, slow deep pulls, and become infused with knowledge you "...thinking thing."

Education is not a sealed document stating a fulfillment of requirements. Education is personal growth most sublime. Nearly every thing in this world can be taken from you, but not this. Education is perhaps the most essential component of a successful life. We've heard this from our parents, our teachers, and society at large. Perhaps we've resisted this wisdom in the past. But here we are, now, poised at the edge of our futures—a world of opportunity awaits. We have chosen to learn, of this we can be proud. Spine straight, our faces raised to the sky, the questions roil for answers; we shall have them. Take heart friends, we have chosen to learn, and we have chosen wisely. ♦

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Our Voices

The Venango Voice is the student paper for this campus. We welcome input from all students. Our mission is to publish an interesting and entertaining paper that supports, encourages, and inspires our readers. We hope to enhance your academic experience at Venango by offering insight into the educational process, campus happenings, and life in general. ♦

We're listening



An old lesson easily forgotten, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." If you have a complaint or suggestion about the way things are done around here—say something about it. Quiet contempt is not conducive to positive change. If you bring your issue to us, (within reason) we'll give it a voice (please excuse the pun.) As much as the management tries to make our school the best it can be, there is always room for improvement. Don't leave it for the next guy or gal. You deserve the best. But we get what we settle for. Don't settle for less. Track us down or e-mail us with your comments, suggestions, and submissions.
vcvoice@usachoice.net. ♦

In the works:

- ♦ Nursing news
- ♦ Faculty sez
- ♦ Interviews and more

The Venango VOICE is published periodically by Venango Campus, 1001 W. First St. 081 City PA 16201. Articles in the Venango VOICE reflect the philosophy of Venango Campus students. And not necessarily the views of Clarion University of PA.

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If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.
He will pass an invisible boundary;
New, universal, and more liberal laws will begin to establish themselves around and within him;
And he will live with the license of a higher order of beings

Henry David Thoreau

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An idea...

We have been toying with the idea of running classified ads to aid students in finding used books, rides, apartments, roommates, whatever. Our doing this depends on whether you're interested in seeing this. Is this something you could use? Let us know by e-mail, smoke signal, or jungle drum. Just let us know what you think—good, bad, or indifferent. ♦

On another note...

We would like to dedicate more of this publication to your voices. In the past, many of your voices have been silent. We realize it takes time to put something together. However, it gets easier the more you do it—and it's fun. Submissions don't have to be of great length, we prefer short crisp submissions—depth opposed to length. In the following weeks we will be publishing topics we think are interesting and important. We'll be talking about them; we'd like to hear what you think. You are welcome to submit random thinking as well, please do. We can't guarantee publication of every submission, but give it a try. ♦

Riddle me this

How important is education? 

How should I choose my career?

Venango Recre-opportunities

Our campus gymnasium is available for use during school hours 9 AM to 9 PM M-F. The gym has new aerobic equipment, weights, and bicycles. Ask your mentor or someone else to give you a tour.



Special activities Gymnasium Schedule

Tuesday volleyball 6-9 PM

Wednesday basketball 6-9 PM

More sport related activities

Softball 6pm on Thursdays as weather permits at Mitchell Field. Information on this is available at Rhoades desk ext.1231

Golf outings on Fridays at Whitetail Run GC: Admission is free with valid student ID. Information on this is also available at Rhoades desk ext.1231.

Don't forget, the Oil City YMCA honors its community school by allowing VC students to use their facility free of charge. The Y facility offers weight lifting, swimming, aerobic classes, a track and more. Stop by student services (RM 222 MH) and sign out a temporary card good for two weeks.♦

Interested in singing?

Venango Chorus Instructor, Beth Orris will be organizing a vocal ensemble from 7:30 to 9:30 PM on Mondays. This event, which starts Sept. the 10th, will offer extended musical experience to area singers. A concert will be held on December 2. There is a \$50 fee for this program. For more information call 814-393-2227 Mon-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.♦

WELCOME STUDENTS

From your Career Center

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.” (Plato) Aren't these words so true. Yes, we are at the beginning of a new college year. All of you are to be commended for this endeavor. Here at the Career Center, if there is any way in which we can help you during the school year, please contact us. You can stop by Montgomery Hall, R230, call at 676-6591 (1277), or email me at: blenar@clarion.edu

The Center is open 8-4 daily and Wednesday 8-6. Now is the perfect time to utilize the valuable services available to you.

??EQ??



Do you know what your E. Q. is? The career Center personnel and faculty here at Venango Campus want to help you become more aware of the E. Q. skills you need to succeed. You're probably thinking: just what is E. Q.? Do I really need it? Do I already have it? Did I have it, but lost it? Do I have it, but choose not to use it? Stay tuned, next week more will follow. EQ? EQ?

For your Information

Crisis?

Rita Beichner, domestic violence counselor, will be on campus Wednesdays starting the 29th. Rita will be located in Room 226 Montgomery Hall from noon until 1:00 pm. For more information, call 814-677-7273.♦

V E S

Venango Experience Seminars

The Venango Experience Seminars will be held in Room 403 Montgomery Hall Tuesdays from 5 PM to 6:15 PM and Wednesdays from 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM. These seminars offer valuable study tips and educational pointers to help us succeed, as well as familiarize us with campus services and staff. All students completing the seminars receive a certificate to add to their files. The first seminar will be on Tuesday the 28th of August from 5- 6:15 PM.♦

SeniorNet

Renovations have been completed for the creation of a senior oriented computer center. Located in Room 207 Frame Hall, SeniorNet is a non-profit organization that provides seniors (50+) computer training. These classes are taught by volunteers. If you know any seniors in need of an upgrade, let them know about this opportunity. For more information or to volunteer call Hope Lineman at ext. 1273.♦

Child Care

Eagles Nest Child Care, a state licensed center located on the first floor of Montgomery Hall, caters to children newborn to 12 years old. They offer reliable care, breakfast and snacks, and daily lesson and craft programs at competitive rates. On Fridays (just Fridays), they offer drop in care from 10 AM 'til 2 PM, so mom and dad can run errands, make appointments, or just take a time out. To register or find out more call 676-3232 or 677-5669. The Nest will open the 27th of August.♦

Special Announcement

Sugar and spice...

Congratulations, Missy and Sam, on the newest member of your family, Storm Alexandria Martz (nice name). We wish you the very best with your new handful. Chalk one up for the good guys!

...and

Everything

Nice



Beth Jackson, of the Math department, did the necessary calculations. The product was a girl. ...a warm welcome to Mackenzie Summer Jackson. Now Professor Jackson will have to divide her time between Lil' M and her sister, while her husband angles for a fraction of her time. We hope this all sums up to multiplied joy.



Upcoming events

Anniversary Celebration

Our campus is celebrating 40 years of service. That's right, 1961 to 2001—and counting. Actually, the campus has been celebrating all summer. There have been parades, pool parties, special program, and services at the campus and in the community. The celebration continues with student appreciation week—Sept. 3rd through the 7th. On the 4th, the campus will be catering to students with munchies and drawings for nifty free surprises. There will be a cookout on the 5th. The celebration winds up with a bash at the Arlington Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Oil City on Friday the 7th. There will be finger food and a cash bar at the Arlington gig. The Southern Knights, one of our faculty bands, will be playing in concert at the Justus Park amphitheatre starting at 6 PM on the 7th as well. Fireworks will follow the music show. Join us as Clarion University celebrates 40 years of academic service in Venango County, Pennsylvania. ♦

A bonfire



Our humble campus will be celebrating of life at Venango in ancient fashion—burning stuff and dancing madly... well...there will be a bonfire! On the 13th of September, this event will be taking place on the hillside between Rhoades Hall and the Suhr Library building. The bonfire celebration, which starts at dusk, will have food and music in abundance. This is a rain or shine event, so come prepared to laugh, sing, jump, and holler. ♦



Clipper Cruise

Plan to take advantage of the campus-sponsored Gateway Clipper River Cruise. The Clipper cranks up the steam for us on Sunday the 23rd of September. The student cost for this event is \$45 for two people, \$25 for a single. Faculty and staff cost is \$55 for two and \$30 for single. Unfortunately, this event has limited seating. Reserve your seats early for this popular outing. The cost includes transportation, ship admission, a buffet style dinner, and dancing. A tour bus will leave VC at 4:30 PM for Pittsburgh. Return departure is at 10:30 PM. Sounds like a good time. Tickets are on sale now. Call Angel Muschweck at ext. 1279 or stop by her office, Room 232 Montgomery Hall. ♦

Orientation II and Activities Fair

On the 7th Of September, as part of orientation, new students are encouraged to meet with their Mentors (peer guides) and faculty advisors to discuss educational goals and address concerns. Orientation II starts with registration and a brief mentor meeting at 11:30 AM on the 4th floor of Montgomery Hall. Lunch will be offered at noon in MH as well.

The Activities Fair is scheduled for 1 PM in Rhoades Gymnasium. Campus club representatives will give a short presentation on their clubs and encourage student interest. Club sign-up sheets will be available for interested parties. Orientation II continues with L. Adelson, L. Barnitz, D. Hartman, B. Lenar, and Dr. B. Reagle addressing our campus computer system, financial aid, academic planning and learning skills, career planning, and the college environment. A shuttle bus will then drive interested individuals to the Arlington Hotel for the anniversary finale. Buses leave at 4:30 and 5 PM from VC's upper parking lot. ♦

CLUBS

Venango Campus has a variety of clubs that enable us to enhance our education and exercise special interests. Clubs offer students the opportunity to build peer friendships, develop leadership skills, and work on group projects. The list below offers a brief description of what the different clubs do. This page, in future issues, will be dedicated to club news and other club related stuff. For more club information you can call Student Services at ext. 1271.♦



Student Senate: This club works to develop communication between students and faculty for the development and maintenance of intellectual growth and opportunity.

Campus Activities Board (CAB): CAB develops and initiates special recreational and scholarly activities.

Adult Learners Organization (ALO): The ALO provides support for non-traditional learners by sharing concerns, resources, and developing adult-specific activities.

Business Club: This club promotes interest and provides opportunities for business and paralegal students.

Legal Assistants Club: The purpose of this club is to advance the knowledge of students majoring in paralegal business studies. This club promotes and develops skills needed to work in the legal profession.

Nursing Club: This club provides opportunities to develop peer relationships with other health care professionals and develop leadership skills. This club is limited to nursing students.

Outdoor Club: The purpose of the outdoor club is to promote interest in, and provide opportunities for healthful outdoor activities (hiking, camping, cross country, skiing, etc.) for students of Venango Campus.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK): The PTK is an honors organization that provides scholarly fellowship, service, and leadership opportunities for its members.

Psychology Club: The Psychology Club promotes and creates scholarly and recreational opportunities for its membership

Ski Club: This club promotes the graceful navigation of fine powdery snow and similar frozen surfaces wherever and whenever they can.

Venango Voice: The Voice provides students experience in the development and production of print media.

Yearbook (Pathfinder): The Pathfinder provides students the opportunity to develop and produce annual memorabilia.

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The CEC provides support and educational opportunities for students in the field of Rehabilitative Services.♦

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It's Student Appreciation Week!

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Web for Students

In the interest of serving its students more efficiently, Clarion University has introduced the Web for Students feature to the Student Information System. This feature enables students to access information (schedules, class availability, registration, grades, account holds, and more) via any internet capable computer. To access this service, students need only login using their University-ID number (SSN) and their PIN (B-day, month and day.) The Web for Students was initiated in the spring 2001 semester, and is open from 8 AM to 11 PM. This addition is further evidence that CU is working to make things better for its students. ♦

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Sabousky's band, will be playing in concert at the Justus Park amphitheatre starting at 6 PM on the 7th as well. The band plays mostly classic rock from the 60's to the present. A fireworks display will follow the music show. Join Clarion University as it celebrates 40 years of academic achievement in Venango County. ♦

A Point of Interest

Breezing through Montgomery's lobby the other day, I had the sense I was being watched (you know the feeling.) I nervously looked up, and came eyeball to eyeball with Albert Einstein—of course I blinked. In the glass cases on the south wall was the artwork of Corinne Carbaugh.

Recovering my composure, I scanned the rest of Corinnes work. Most of the work is done in black and white—charcoal, I think. (I probably don't have to say) I was impressed. The experience was a nice break from, "go here, do this, go there, do that." If you haven't already, it's worth a look. Thanks for sharing, Corinne; keep up the good work. ♦

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Life is either a daring adventure or it is nothing.

Helen Keller

A hearty *Voice* welcome to Jennifer Strawbridge

...As I was working on a plea for help the other day, Jennifer Strawbridge serendipitously stopped in. Much to my delight, she volunteered to become a staff writer. Careful not to seem too eager, I spat out, "When can you start." Jennifer is a Communications major with a minor in Psychology. As she spoke, detailing her reasons for volunteering, I became increasingly excited about this semester's *Voice*. Several things Jen said caused me to stifle a whoop: "I love to write" and "I'm a very busy person." It's obvious to a wad of lead why her first statement excited me. When she was telling me about her

December graduation, her full time job at AmeriCorp, and her other obligations, the saying, "if you want something done, ask a busy person" went through my mind and comforted me. Welcome aboard, Jen; we're honored to have you on the team. ♦

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The Extra Mile

If Dr. Barb Reagle, Director of Student Development, seems to be moving a bit stiffly lately, there's a reason. Over the summer, Dr. Reagle conducted freelance safety equipment tests. She has also been doing resiliency research related to the recuperative ability of middle-aged human bodies. An avid motorcyclist, Dr. Reagle's study led her to question the limit of protection provided by helmets. As part of her research, she chose to project herself from her bike at approximately 45 mph to see how the helmet would respond impacting a highway surface. Her research has indicated that...maybe helmet laws don't suck after all. While the helmet was completely destroyed in the test, we think Dr. Reagle's head has emerged intact. We won't know for sure until the full results of the resiliency study are in. Preliminary results indicate that middle-aged human bodies should not spontaneously leave motorcycles at speeds in excess of 0 mph. Thanks, Dr. Reagle, for going the extra mile so we don't have to. Remember, laughter is the best medicine. ♦

Student Services

LSC and Computer Lab

The tutor schedules for the LSC and the Computer Lab have been completed and are available at the respective centers.

Over the summer the promised laser-printers were installed in The Computer Lab. Upgrades have been made in the main tutor center as well.

The LSC and the Computer Lab can be a great help in leaning. Stop by, pick of a schedule, and familiarize yourself with their valuable services.

Don't forget about Orientation II and the Activities fair on Friday the 7th, 11:30 AM on the fourth floor of Montgomery.♦

WHAT'S YOUR EQ????

What do employers look for in an employee?

EQ is your...Employability Quotient

Or, the professional skills you need to develop as a future or current employee.

Several years ago, the faculty and staff at Venango Campus hosted several information-gathering seminars involving local businesses. The result of these meetings was an increased awareness of what make YOU more employable. What are the skills, in addition to a good education, employers look for in new employees.

As a result of this effort, the EQ program was developed to help you become more aware of the skills you will need to cultivate in order to be successful in your employment.

The five skills identified were:

1. Presentation of Self
2. Teamwork
3. Computer Skills in the Workplace
4. Written and Oral Communication
5. Active Learning and Thinking.

Look for more E.Q. related information in future issues.

Club News

CEC

The Council for Exception Children (CEC) welcomes everyone back to school. The CEC invites all education majors to join the fun. The first club meeting is Monday September 17 from 12-1 in Rhoades Lounge. Future meetings will be held every first and third Monday throughout the semester. Questions can be addressed to Darlene Hartman (advisor ext 1431), Amber Youkers (president), or Sara Lloyd (vice-president.)

Nursing Club

Due to the large number of nursing students enrolled at Venango Campus, we at the Voice thought it fitting to develop a regular nursing-specific feature in the paper.

We met with the Nursing Club President, Heather Embrey, on Monday and discussed what would be useful to the nursing students enrolled here. We brainstormed, and came up with some good ideas. We haven't work out the particulars yet, but look for something in future issues. During

our discussion, Heather mentioned the Nursing Club will be holding elections for Vice-President and Secretary. The current President is Heather and the Treasurer is Laura Beebe. All students interested in the vacant posts should sign-up in the nursing office. Look for more nursing features in future issues.



For Your Information

Snack Bar

Hello, Venango Campus. The Snack Bar is now under new management. The owners of the Five Forks and the Colonial Restaurants have taken over. Maime Parrot, Joy Shotts, and Lillie Castcabile are in charge. According to Maime, the best part of being on campus is "putting out good food and making you all happy."

Maime has worked in the food service industry for 35 years; 25 of these years have been 12 to 15 hours a day, along with many 7 day weeks thrown in. When asked how she could work this many hours, she replied with some advice for all us students. "Get a job you love and you will jump out of bed in the morning." She feels it's more like a hobby than a job.

The women at the Snack Bar will be serving us some great dishes like Hot Meatloaf Sandwiches, Chicken N Biscuits,

Scallop Potatoes, and sides like some nice hot-right-out-of-the-oven Breadsticks. They also hope to bring a once a week Buffet. I'm getting hungry typing all this up!

On the first day of classes, I purchased an excellent Cinnamon Roll, and later when I talked to Maime for the Voice, they treated me to a very delicious Brownie: YUM! Thank you, Maime; the Brownie was great! I'll be back for more.

The snack bar will be open from 9 to 5, Monday through Thursday, so stop by and introduce yourself to Maime, Joy, and Lillie. Let them treat you to some real motherly type cooking, and tell 'em I sent you.

Ken Copley
Venango Voice Reporter

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Direct equal opportunities inquiries to the Assistant to the President
for Social Equity,
216 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion PA.

Career Center

Now  Showing
EQ Skill #1

**LOOKING SHARP....How to
Present A Professional Image
Wednesday, Sept. 5 from
12:30-1:45**

in
RHOADES CENTER

The way you dress, talk, and act can change the way others see you... and the way you see yourself. Be honest: Does your appearance tell people, "Here's someone who knows where she's going"? Do your voice, your attitude, your handshake project authority and confidence? Or do you wish you came across as at ease... stronger... surer of yourself and your abilities? The good news is, you can change your image and shape it to say exactly what you want it to say about you. Creating a truly professional image doesn't just mean making a good first impression. It means projecting personal power that gets noticed, gets respect and gets remembered. This video will show you how.

Look for more E.Q. related information in future issues.



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Stress Management

Well, two weeks in; we hope everyone is finding their classes all right and breathing easier. If you're still gasping a little, don't worry; it's pretty normal. The *Voice* encourages you, right now, to take a deep breath; and remember being stressed out doesn't help anything; it only hinders. It's not easy: believe me, we're no strangers to stress. When everything is strange and the workload mounts, it can peel one's nerves to their most tender state. That's when it can be helpful to practice some relaxation techniques. The most student friendly technique I have found is breathing; it doesn't require anything that we don't always have with us. The therapeutic value of proper breathing is indisputable. Just five minutes of slow, deliberate breathing has been know to calm the mind, increase circu-

lation, and enhance overall efficiency.

Another hands free technique for combating stress is positive affirmation or visualization. Picture soothing images and tell yourself encouraging things; as nerdy as it may sound, it's a good habit. Above all, remember, human beings are extraordinary creatures, and you are one. Be your own best advocate. This semester will go smoothly if you do.♦



Here For Us

Clarion University's Department of Counseling Services offers professional help concerning educational, vocational, personal, social, and emotional adjustment.

Services are available at no charge to all Clarion University students. Each counseling relationship is confidential. The department is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.

Students may benefit from individualized counseling, small group approaches, testing services and career infor-

mation. Clarion University's newest counselor is Ms. LaSandra Ward. The *Voice* met with Ms. Ward on Thursday for an interview, and welcomed her to Venango. A native of Philadelphia, LaSandra earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Maryland and her Master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In the final phase of her doctoral studies at West Virginia U., Ms. Ward is currently working on her dissertation for the completion of a PH.D. in Counseling Psychology.

Ms. Ward has a variety of counseling experience, both as a student and as a professional. She is most interested in personal growth and development, particularly its career, emotional, and identity aspects. She expressed a desire to help people to actualize their potential and looks forward to meeting the needs of the students of Venango. LaSandra encourages students to stop in for educational and personal counseling visits. Ms. Ward is scheduled for three days a week at Venango (Tues. 9-4:30, Wed. 9-12:30, and Thurs. 11-6:30.) She will be working from room 236 Montgomery Hall. Stop in and say hello.♦

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Community

One vacation magic we can bring here is just saying "Good Morning" and smiling at everyone we meet. After all, we are a community. It's better to say "Good Morning" even if the original speaker didn't mean you, or if you don't know who the person is, than to go on your glum way.

My classes will be working on the Dale Carnegie system this term. It features paying three SINCERE compliments each day. Just watching for the chance to say something honestly nice will improve your whole attitude.

Dale Carnegie was one person with an idea and now there are centers all over the world helping people put his principles to work.

This system relates to your "Empathy Quotient" as opposed to your "IQ". People with high Empathy Quotients will, if things are reasonably equal, surpass those with high Intelligence Quotients. Wouldn't it be great if we all became so positively energized that we went out and started to change the world beginning right here?

Dr. J. Huber

Five Points of Power

1. Pay Attention
2. Speak the Truth
3. Ask for what you want
4. Keep your agreements
5. Take responsibility for your experience

Tolly Burkin

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When submitting to the Voice, e-mail is best. Attach submission to e-mail in MSWORD. The system we use is not compatible with Apple word processing or Corel's Word Perfect. Submissions can also be dropped off in our mail box in Frame Hall or slid under our door (223MH.) We prefer submission on 3 1/2 " floppies. We cannot guarantee timely printing of hard copy submissions. **If you must have your submission in the next paper, we need to have it by noon Wednesday, on disk or e-mail.** ♦

Taking Action

We humans have much more power than we put to use. Often, I have found, I spend time complaining instead of taking steps to affect change. It's much safer to sit on the sidelines and critique than to get in the game.

I'm not a spectator; I believe in the magic Dr. Huber speaks of in the adjacent column. We have a wonderful opportunity to influence each other both academically and personally. The fact is, we will affect each other, one way or another. There seems to be wisdom (medically, psychologically, and spiritually) in choosing a rosier outlook. Many here already operate on this principle, and to them I send a warm smile.

Whether this is a stop along the way, or a place you call home, let's honor each other with a moment of our time, a brief hello and smile. These days are days we will never have again. The faces we see may leave our lives as quickly as they came in. Let's not part simply a few credits richer, but enrich each other in more permanent ways. ♦

Student Services

Free Y Pass

Feeling out of sorts? Stressed out? Feeling a little pudgy? Why not sign out an Oil City YMCA membership card today in the Student Services Office, Room 222 Montgomery Hall. Membership cards can be used for the track, weight room, or swimming pool. If you choose to use the Fitness Center or attend aerobics classes, there is an additional \$2.00 fee per use payable at the Y.

YMCA passes can be signed out for two-week periods.

Stop over and sign one out today!



Four! Or is it ball four?

Don't forget about the pick-up softball games at Mitchell field on Thursdays, and free golf outings on Fridays at Whitetail Run. Information on both can be obtained at the Rhoades desk (ext 1231.)

Rhoades Gym

Volleyball Tuesdays 6-9
Basketball Wednesdays 6-9
Sign-out a bike at Rhoades desk.

Employability Quotient Series



The Career Center coordinator, Barb Lenar, will be conducting a semester-long presentation on EQ (Employability Quotient.) The first phase of the program deals with the *Presentation of Self*. The program started last week and continues Wednesday (9-12-2001) with; *Attitude, your most priceless possession*.

The EQ video presentations will be taking place in Rhoades Lounge starting at noon on Wednesdays.

The EQ Series is a collaborative program between the Career Center and teaching faculty. Teaching faculty will be exhibiting EQ principles in their classrooms throughout the semester.

Students are encouraged to submit a participation form for instructors who exhibit *EQ Skills*. The participation forms entitle instructors to a lunch from the snack bar, forms for this are at the bookstore. For information contact Barb Lenar ext 1277 RM 230 MH.♦

American Heart Walk

The walk will be taking place Sunday, September 16, 2001. Registration is at 1 p.m. at Venango campus. The charity event starts at 2 PM at Samuel Justus Recreational Trail in Oil City (across from Campus.)

Join a winning team!

Join the Venango Campus American Heart Walk Team. Sign-up sheets are available from Patti Shontz in Room 226 Montgomery Hall, or call her at 676-6591, ext 1269. Information is also available at the Rhoades Desk ext 1231.

Join today and help a great cause.

Credit/No Record

Students in good academic standing, with 30 credits or more, may opt to take one course per semester Credit/No Record. The class must not be a requirement of the students major or minor course of study. Letter grades are not reported for courses taken credit/no record and therefore the student's QPA is not effected. A "C" grade or better acquires credit (CR) for the course. Below a "C" has no effect. Once this option has been elected, it cannot be rescinded. Information is available at the administration office in Frame Hall.

Club News

Business Club

The first Business Club meeting of the semester will be held September 11 at 12 PM and again at 4 PM in room 226 MH. Two times have been provided to make it easier for you to attend. If you are unable to attend, but would like to, please contact Patti Shontz in room 224 MH or ext. 1269.

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3. Practical experience with parliamentary process.
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Phi Theta Kappa

PTK will hold a planning meeting today in the fourth floor lobby of Montgomery from 12:30-1. Call Beth Jackson for details at ext 1336.

Student Senate

Senate election campaigns are under way. This is a great way to develop leadership and problem solving skills—plus it looks great on your resume. The candidates will offer their views in a 3-5 minute speech in Rhoades Hall on September 12 starting at noon.

If you would like to run for office, pick up an application at the Rhoades Desk. Can-

didates must have their picture taken in Student Services by 9-13-2001. The election finishes on the 20th.

CAB

The Campus Activities Board has been busy planning and scheduling events for this semester. The events are listed in the student calendar and will be posted on bulletin boards throughout the campus. CAB meetings will be held at 11 AM on Thursdays in the lobby of Montgomery Hall. The first meeting will be held 9-13-2001; see you there.

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The ALO provides alternative opportunities for academic and artistic expression. The ALO will hold a meeting on 9-12-2001 in the Learning Support Center at 12 noon. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information call Lou Adelson ext 1333.

Nursing Club

The Nursing Club is looking for new members. The Nursing Club offers support and guidance for its members. Interested parties should contact Heather Embrey via the mailbox in the nursing office.

Venango Voice

The VV is looking for reporters and copy-people in order to facilitate its production. The VV offers student hands on experience with print media. Communication majors who must have this type of experience to graduate are welcome.

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Upcoming Events

13 days 'til the...



Clipper Cruise

Time's running out to take advantage of the CAB-sponsored Gateway Clipper River Cruise. The Clipper cranks up the steam for us on Sunday the 23rd of September. The student cost for this event is \$45 for two people, \$25 for a single. Faculty and staff cost is \$55 for two and \$30 for single. **In order to get this special price, sixty tickets must be sold.** Reserve your seats now for this popular outing. The cost includes transportation, ship admission, a buffet style dinner, and dancing. A tour bus will leave VC at 4:30 PM for Pittsburgh. Return departure is at 10:30 PM. Sounds like a great night out. Tickets are on sale now. For tickets call Angel Muschweck at ext.1279 or stop by her office (232MH.) Tickets may also be obtained at the Campus Book Store. ♦

The Bonfire

Our little campus will be celebrating life at Venango in ancient fashion—fire and excess, well—there will be a bonfire, the excess is debatable. On the 13th of September, this event will be taking place on the hillside between Rhoades Hall and the Suhr Library building. The bonfire celebration, which starts at dusk, will have food and music in abundance. This is a rain or shine event, so come prepared to laugh, sing, jump, and holler. ♦



Wiesel Foundation Essay Contest

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity invites all full-time junior and senior students to enter its annual *Ethics Essay Contest*. The contest, in its 13th year, challenges college students to analyze ethical issues confronting the present world. The deadline for the contest is December 1, 2001.

Contest winners are announced in April. First prize is \$5000, second is \$2500, and third prize is \$1500. The contest also makes two honorable mentions; each receive \$500. Entry form details are available online at www.eliewieselfoundation.org or call 212-490-7777. ♦

Writing Center Announcement:

Give Yourself Some Credit! Sign up for English 270: Training for Writing Center Tutors. 1 Credit

***Qualification:** Completion of Writing II with an A or a B.

***Duties:** Read and respond to student writing.

***Requirements:** Two hours a week staffing The Writing Center and attendance at tutor training sessions.

***Benefits:** Earn 1 credit, gain valuable experience, add to your resume, receive a letter of recommendation, and be of service to fellow students.

***Information:** See Ms. Hayden at 104 Suhr, call her at extension 1238, leave a message in her mail, or stop her in the hall.

FIRST OFFICIAL MEETINGS:

A drop-by organizational session will be held in the Rhoades Center Monday (9-10-2001) from 3-5 p.m. Come any time during those hours, or see Ms. Hayden in her office. Plan on spending approximately 10 minutes. All interested students who have met the requirements, who didn't sign up Friday, should sign up at this session. Thanks for supporting our Writing Center!

Just Nursing

Support for First Year Students

My name is Heather Embrey. I'm the Nursing Club president. We have been working on how to utilize the *Venango Voice* to introduce different aspects of nursing to our nursing students. I hope that our nursing students find this section helpful, inspiring, and, at times, even humorous. We hope to take advantage of this section and give our first year nursing students a peek at what they can expect in the coming months. I hope that your first year is as great of an experience for you as it was for me. Please take advantage of this space in the paper. Use it at your leisure and see what being a nurse is really all about. Good luck and I hope to talk to you in the near future.

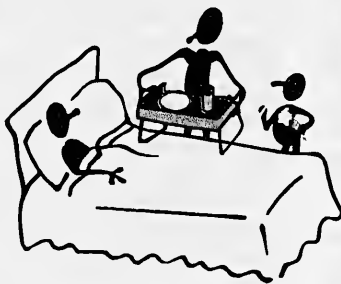
H. Embrey

First year students: NEED SOME EXPERIENCE? Check out the classified ads for a job as a CNA, or contact the Human Resources Dept. at your local hospital. This is a good way to get your feet wet.

Anyone interested in mentoring a first year nursing student should contact Heather Embrey via the mailbox in Nursing Office .

THE DIARY OF A NURSE: YOU THINK YOU KNOW, BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

While working the afternoon shift on a busy medical ward, a patient passed away, something that isn't new. An "older" nurse asked a student to go make the patient look comfortable so that the relatives could say good-bye. Off the student went. The student set the patient up—complete with reading glasses and a newspaper. Before anyone saw this set up, rigor mortis had set in. And so, they had a dead gentleman reading a newspaper. You just have to love the inventiveness of students.



You might be a nurse if...

You constantly feel the veins in your girlfriend's or wife's arms, boasting, "I could hit that one easy."

You can achieve a "Runners High" by sitting up.

You've ever run out of linens, syringes, IV fluid, meds, and patience all at the same time.

In a critical situation, the most highly qualified clinician will offer the most advice and the least support.

It IS as BAD as you think, and the patients ARE out to get you.

A Note from the *Voice*

As mentioned in previous issues of the *Voice*: a page devoted to nursing. In the coming weeks we will be working with the Nursing Club to make useful information easily available to first year nursing students. Your input is welcomed and appreciated. If you have words of wisdom, personal experience, or study tips that you think might be helpful to new nursing students, contact Heather Embrey via the mailbox in Nursing Office, to discuss their publication. Nursing students are a large portion of the total student population here and we want to make your journey through *Venango* as smooth as possible. We realize nurses provide invaluable service to our communities, often without due recognition. This is our way of honoring those who have chosen to aid others in health.♦

Venango Voice

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Shocked Resolve

With dust still in the air from the attack, it becomes increasingly clear that we are a people of great compassion and tenacity. From the rescue workers in New York City back home to Venango County, shocked sympathy and deep condolence is scrawled apparent on our being. As the reality of this ruthless act takes root and we inch forward into uncharted waters, our bond to each other becomes ever stronger. This act doesn't represent a victory for terror, even from the most warped perspective. Democracy and capitalism survive and we resolutely "hold certain truths to be self evident." There has been loss of life which is tragic. But as the smoke clears, one can't help but be emboldened by the unity this incident has inspired. Once again, "in the dawns early light...our flag is still..." here.♦

A Take on Education

Education is valuable because it liberates us from the cave, or so it should. Plato is famous for a story called the Allegory of the Cave: in the cave prisoners are chained and confined to watching shadows on the wall projected by those who carry images of various animals, trees, etc.. The prisoners have never left the cave and the shadows are all they know. Suddenly a prisoner breaks free (arguably liberated by an educator) and realizes that the shadows he saw on the wall were merely images of reality and not reality itself. Exploring the world outside of the cave brings on the insight that his former view of reality was based on a series of false images.

Living in the world outside of the cave was more exciting and vibrant than viewing images of living on the wall. When the escaped prisoner returns from the outside world, he is met with scorn from his friends who are still in chains. They are reluctant to believe that the shadows are illusions and want nothing to do with the escapee or his tales of alternate realities outside of the cave. In the last section of the story the prisoners threaten to

kill the escaped prisoner if he tries to free and drag him outside.

Plato uses the story to discuss the value of education and the virtues of wisdom. Yet, underneath he acknowledges that those who manage to escape the cave may be met with scorn by friends who reject the adventure out of hand. I think the allegory has value for persons making major life changes by returning to college after an extended period of time away from school. In short, leaving the cave is a daunting adventure as is returning to college. Friends and family may react in negative ways when we announce our intention to pursue something new. However, in the long run, Plato argues that those who return to the cave are the persons who will free a prisoner from a subsequent generation. Leaving the cave as a parallel to opening up possibilities through education is an excellent metaphor for the changes and transitions that will happen as you progress through your degree program here at Clarion. Enjoy the adventure!

D. Bowser

This story is a summary of Book VII of Plato's Republic which can be found online at
<<http://plato.evansville.edu/texts/jowett/republic29.htm>>

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Our Voices

In the painting business, when a spot is missed or the paint starts running, it's called a holiday. The implication is that the painter took a holiday—let his/her attention wander. These holidays are difficult to eliminate, absolutely. Publishing the *Voice*, like painting, has its share of holidays. Please try to overlook them as we try to eliminate them. Our mission is to publish an interesting and entertaining paper that supports, encourages, and inspires its readers. We hope to enhance your academic experience at Venango by offering insight into the educational process, campus happenings, and life in general. ♦

Time Management

We've heard sayings decrying the absence of enough time. Sayings like "So much to do, so little time...not enough hours in a day...if I only had more time." I've not only heard these words, I've used them. I wonder how much time is wasted lamenting its passage, instead of taking steps to counter the ceaseless trickle (plenty I'm sure.)



Life ticks along metronomically and there isn't anything we can do about that. However, we needn't sit idly by and watch seconds turn into minutes, minutes to hours, and so on. We can practice becoming a more effective time manager.

By changing what I will accept from myself, and defining my goals more clearly, I begin to exercise power over time. In the battle to meet deadlines, the value of effective time management can't be overstated.

The first step in managing time is setting priorities, or

Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life.

Marcus Aurelius

aligning ducks. I hear that it's best to make a list. Most of the time, I'm aware of the number of ducks I have, but far too often they're out of order (not in a row.) When this happens, life runs me instead of the other way around: this is not a prescription for success. Whenever possible, I'm told, keep obligations to a minimum, stick to the list of priorities, and keep goals clear. If we take care of things as they present themselves, there will be plenty of time for everything.

Another important ingre-

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dient in successful time management is avoiding messed-up patterns that don't support our goals. Well, now is it, there will never be a better. ♦



Please feel free to comment on, expand, or dispute *Voice* submissions. We welcome submissions from all students and faculty of Venango Campus.

COUNSELING SERVICES

In response to suspected terrorist acts that occurred Tuesday, September 11, the Department of Counseling Services encourages students to make use of counseling services in their efforts to cope with the devastation of such attacks.

Call 393-1283 for appointments or come to 236 Montgomery Hall.

Services are available Monday thru Thursday.

Student Services

Community Announcement

Oil City Community

Playhouse will be holding auditions for "Starting Here Starting Now" September 17th and 18th at the Oil City Elks Lodge upstairs room. The play is a small musical with roles open for 2 Males and 4 Females. The play can also be expanded to include a larger cast if need be. This will be the opening play for OCCP. The play will be presented at Cross Creek Resort Inc. November 9th and 10th and then the following weekend November 16th and 17th. Anyone who is interested should make plans to attend the audition and should bring their own music. There will be music available for those who need it.

Clipper Cruise

Due to recent events and poor tickets sales the Gateway Clipper River Cruise that was scheduled for 9-23-2001 has been temporarily cancelled. Plans for rescheduling this event are being discussed. If you would like to offer your opinion on this issue, contact Angel Muschweck ext 1279 or CAB president Ron Shiley ext 1272.

Freshman: Fall Advisor assignments are posted on the red bulletin board outside of the Administration Office in Frame Hall.

Employability Quotient Series



The Career Center EQ series *Presentation of Self* continues with *How to Build a Winning Attitude*.

This EQ video presentations will be taking place in the Rhoades Lounge starting at noon on Wednesday (9-19-2001).

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Students are encouraged to submit a participation form for instructors who exhibit *EQ Skills*. The participation forms entitle instructors to a lunch from the snack bar; forms for this are at the bookstore. For information contact Barb Lenar ext 1277 RM 230 MH. ♦

Student Leadership Retreat Workshop

Each fall the Students Activities Office holds special training for student leaders. This year the *Workshop* will be held at Cross Creek Resort on Friday and Saturday September 21, 22. Friday's workshop runs from 5-10 PM. Training begins again on Saturday at 8 AM and concludes at 1 PM. Club officers and advisors are strongly encouraged to attend.

Student Activities Coordinator Angel Muschweck and Director of Student Development Dr. Barb Reagle will be conducting training workshops during the two day event. Dr. James Blake will be the dinner speaker on Friday.

The Student Activities office has arranged rooms for those spending the night. Rooms are based on quad occupancy. Rooms will be assigned unless other arrangements have been made in advance. This Workshop/Retreat should prove to be both entertaining and informative.

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PHI THETA KAPPA

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Nursing Club

Nursing Students listen up: Nursing Club is hoping to get the year off to a great start. However, we need as much help as we can get. Our club is looking for a new Vice President and Secretary. Elections will be held on September 17, 2001. I hope everyone will make an effort to participate in the Nursing Club in some way. This year, I hope, will be worth

your while, and I hope we all will have fun in the process.

H. Embrey

A student nurse throws up when the patient does. An experienced nurse calls housekeeping when a patient throws up.

You might be a nurse if... You believe air goes in and out, and blood goes round and round, any variation on this is a bad thing.

Signs of Stress

You say the same sentence over and over again, not realizing that you have said it before.

One Simple Thing to Control Stress

Watch for the next instance in which you find yourself becoming annoyed or angry, then practice letting go - make a conscious choice not to become angry or upset. Do not allow yourself to waste thought and energy where it isn't deserved.

Food-Fit Tip

British Breakfast

English muffins are a low fat way to start the day. The airy muffins only have about 150 calories and almost no fat. Go for the whole-grain variety and you'll be getting the added benefit of fiber.

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Learning Communities

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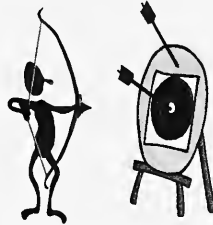
strive to support "the Learning Imperatives" of Clarion University that President Reinhard impressed upon us in her opening address this year, the Student Services Department at Venango has developed "Learning Communities" for all of the associate degree students.

Research has indicated that students are more likely to "persist" in College if they are part of a smaller learning community. The "Communities" that the Student Services Department has developed support students emotionally as well as cognitively.

Successful upperclass-

men facilitate each group in a weekly session. The focus of these sessions is on understanding course material and learning efficient study skills.

Students using this method of group study at Venango have historically scored one-half to a full letter grade above those who did not participate. Each group has a Faculty Liaison who works with the Learning Support Group Facilitator.



There will be Learning Support Groups in the following disciplines: Business, Early Childhood, Nursing, Paralegal, and Rehabilitative Sciences.

The groups will be meeting in 318 Montgomery Hall. Information on this can be obtained by calling Learning Support Center (ext 1332) or Student Services (ext 1269).

Student's attending 5 or more sessions will get a 25% discount at the bookstore. Get a great early start on your studies, join a group!

Dr. B. Reagle

Clarion Recognizes

In an annual ceremony, Clarion University recognized two Venango Campus employees for their years of service with the university. On Tuesday September 18, Tom McLaughlin and Rich Whiting were honored in the Chandler Dining Hall in Clarion. Tom has been working for the university for twenty years and Rich has ten years with Clarion. Employed in the Maintenance Department here at Venango both men are instrumental in keeping things running smoothly.

I talked to Rich the other night while he was here troubleshooting an after hours plumbing problem. A more pleasant man you'll never find. He surveyed the situation and calmly put things right.

Congratulation, guys, and thanks for your tireless service to the operation of Venango Campus.♦

Faculty Forum

The first meeting of the fall semester is scheduled for October 5. Venango faculty will meet with administrative bodies and discuss progress, goals, and set future agendas. If you have legitimate issues you would like to see addressed, discuss them with your faculty advisor or submit them to the Voice.

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Good Natured Stranger

Wilding through the streets of Rocky Grove twenty-plus years ago, some friends and I prowled around to the back of the high school. In the parking lot behind the school, to our surprise, was a man with a telescope. The stranger wasn't particularly bothered by our intrusion; in fact, he seemed to welcome it. He excitedly bid us come look. We, being somewhat leery of the generation to which the stranger belonged, advanced cautiously, ready to bolt at the first sign of betrayal.

Convinced it was safe, we took his instructions, and marveled at his offering. He encouraged us to look through his telescope, explaining that what we would see was the planet Saturn. A luminous dot with a line through it is what we saw, but no one doubted that what the stranger said was fact.

Minds expanded, having gazed across 900 million miles of space, we temporarily abandoned our previous ill plan, and parted the stranger—improved.

Some years ago, a good natured stranger permitted a group of wild teenagers a view of Saturn. The stranger in this tale is Venango's own Dr. Glenn McElhattan. Thanks, Dr. McElhattan, for sharing your wonder.

M. Henc

We never know how
high we are
Till we are asked to rise.
And then, if we are true
to plan
Our stature touch the
skies.

Emily Dickinson

Voice Submissions

When submitting to the Voice, e-mail is best. Lengthy submissions should be attached to e-mail in msword.

Submissions can also be dropped by the Voice office 223 MH on 3 1/2 " floppies. We cannot guarantee timely printing of hard copy submissions. Please limit submissions to 300 words or less. ♦

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Who?

Many of the articles that have appeared in past issues of the *Voice* were the product of the *Venango Voice* staff. We have chosen to remain anonymous on a per article basis as the paper would be overrun with our moniker otherwise.

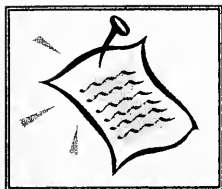
We accept responsibility for all content found within these pages, unless specific claim reflects differently.

In the future, *Voice* staff articles will be marked with this symbol ♦, unless the writer wishes otherwise. However, we are happy to devolve the authorship of any staff article (with writer's permission) to interested parties.

The *Venango Voice* is a collaborative effort of students of Venango Campus. We are currently operating with a small staff, but are taking steps to increase our number.

As always we welcome submissions from students and faculty. Feel free to comment on, expand, or dispute anything you have read herein.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or distress we may have caused by our policies. Enjoy yourselves, we do. ♦



Writing Center Hours

Fall 2001 Montgomery Hall 319
Extension 1344

Monday:	Jodi Baker	10:00-11:00
	Jodi Ei	11:00-12:00
	Corrine Carbaugh	2:30-4:30
	Sue Rimer	4:30-8:30
Tuesday:	Jamie Ahrens	9:00-11:00
	Jodi Baker	11:00-12:00
	Jamie Ahrens	1:00-4:00
	Sue Rimer	4:00-8:00
Wednesday	Nicole Hoffman	11:00-1:00
	Matt Henc	4:00-6:00
	Sue Rimer	6:30-8:30
Thursday	Jodi Ei	11:00-12:00
	Erin Kearney	2:00-4:00
Saturday	Eileen Ebbert available in the Learning Center from 10:00-6:00.	
Sunday	Ken Copely available in the Learning Center from 1:00-6:00	

Professor Hayden available in 104 Suhr during her office hours and from 3:00-4:00 on Monday and 2:00-3:00 on Thursday.

Student Services

Attention Writing Center Consultants Training for Writing Center ENG 270:01

There will be a consultant training session on September 29, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Rhoades Lounge. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

Learning Support Center

Please join us at the Learning Support Center in 318 Montgomery Hall on September 27, 2001 for our Open House. Come and get a tour and find out the services that are available to you. There will be free refreshments and door prizes. The event will begin at 9am until 9pm. We hope to see you there.

Tips for Maintaining a Healthy Level of Insanity

1. At lunch time sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars.
2. Specify that your drive through order is to go.
3. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream, "I won, I won, third time this week!"
4. Put decaf in the coffee maker for three weeks. When everyone is over their caffeine withdrawal, switch to espresso.
5. Don't use any punctuation

Employability Quotient Series



The Career Center EQ Series shifts to **Teamwork** from September 24 to October 5.

The campus will be focusing on the following skills: listening to others, developing the ability to share your opinions and ideas, learning to accept constructive feedback that can help you gain strength in weak areas, maintaining a positive and open attitude with others, and learning to work toward group goals, as well as personal goals.

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Suhr Library Schedule

Suhr Library will now be open

Monday - Thursday
8 am - 9 pm

Friday

8 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday

9 am - 4 pm.

The hours are returning to what they had been for many years with the hiring of a temporary, part-time librarian, Ms. Debbie Angiolieri.

Ms. Angiolieri has been hired to work at Suhr Library while Ms. Nancy Clemente is on sabbatical.

Attention New Freshman Clarion Advising Week

During the week of September 24-28, new freshmen are encouraged to see their advisors. Advisors will be sharing "Student Development Inventory Summaries" with their new advisees.

The student advisor relationship can be the most significant faculty relationship a freshman can have. Don't blow it off. Advisors have the answers to most of the questions you have. Make plans to see your advisor now.

Clubs

Adult Learners Organization

ALO will be holding a meeting on 10-3-2001 in room 320 MH. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The Annual ALO conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 26-28, 2001. All are welcome to join us and get away for the weekend. For information contact L. Adelson ext 1333.

Psychology Club

The Psych Club will be meeting today at 12:30 in Rhoades Center. Club members will meet again on 10-1-2001 at 7:30 p.m. in room 404 MH.

Phi Theta Kappa

PTK got together on Saturday the 15th and took care of their adopted highway, a stretch of Route 8 south of Franklin.

PTK advisor Beth Jackson, her husband Rob, Barb Lenar, Lori Bowen and her mom, Martin Coe, and Steve Lentz all took part in the clean-up effort. The gang went to Dairy Queen to finish the day.

PTK will be cleaning the road again in the spring. Depending on the attendance, they are planning a cookout.

PTK will be holding a meeting today from 12-1 in room 413MH.



Nursing Column

A committee has been established in the Nursing Club to put together material for submission to the *Voice*. If you have ideas you would like to see in this column, get together with the Nursing Club committee and make it happen.

Signs of Stress

You say the same sentence over and over again, not realizing that you have said it before.

Tips for Stress Relief

Breathe slowly and deeply. Before reacting to the next stressful occurrence, take three deep breaths and release them slowly. If you have a few minutes, try out a relaxation technique such as meditation or guided imagery.

You might be a nurse if...it's wet, sticky, and not yours, you leave it alone!

A student nurse keeps detailed notes on a pad.

An experienced nurse writes on the back of their hand, paper scraps, napkins, etc.

The Venango Voice

The *Voice* had its first advisory meeting last Monday. The board discussed goals for the paper and addressed concerns. Overall the board was happy with the way things have been going. If you have ideas or suggestions please make them known. A future meeting was tentatively scheduled for November. The advisory board for the *Voice* consists of: Dr. J. Huber, Dr. B. Reagle, Prof. B. Hayden, M. Henc, and Student Senate President. L. Bowen. The *Voice* production staff is still developing.



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Leadership Retreat

Venango's leading students met at Cross Creek Resort September 21 and 22 for the annual Leadership Training Seminars sponsored by the Student Development and Activities Coordination Department.

The chairs, presidents, and officers of our various clubs underwent specialized training in the two day event.

The training weekend was launched at 5:30 on Friday with Dr. B. Reagle giving a spirited talk on the principal components of leadership, such as innovation, communication, and vision.

Our student leaders engaged in mind-expanding group activities that stressed the importance of trust and teamwork.

Randomly developed teams were assembled and

everyone came out a winner.

From there the Retreat moved to a dining room where the young leaders were challenged by the inspired words of Dr. James Blake.

Dr. Blake energetically distributed a hand-out—the word “Definitions” headed the page. A hush fell over the room as he began his presentation.

Soon into his speaking a method began to emerge, and those possessing the key to his talk were riveted. Dr. Blake spoke with real passion, punctuating and expanding the principles of the earlier session.

He talked openly of personal doubt, confusion, and renewal. Pulling from a book on sailing, Dr. Blake deftly supported his words, and his conviction was apparent.

The talk was concluded with a summary of crucial points. Leadership, according to Dr. Blake, is a combination of attitude, confidence, knowledge, skill, and, most importantly, vision; who can argue with that?

The event continued with group brainstorming and goal-setting led by Angel Muschweck and Dr. Reagle.

This session had the various groups defining realistic short and long term club goals and closed Friday's “official”

activities.

The Leadership Training Retreat picked up again on Saturday morning with more inspired dialogue by the Reagle-Muschweck team. The duo exemplified and reinforced leadership's key elements, encouraged creative problem solving, and explained the necessary procedures for achieving club objectives.

This year's successful retreat came to a close with a brief cool down period and a relaxed lunch in the resort's spacious main dining room. ♦

Campus Activities

The campus has invited comedian Randy Riggle to come to Venango to make us laugh, and he agreed. Mr. Riggle has had guest spots on TV and radio and has opened for D. Miller, E. Degeneres, J. Seinfeld, R. Shear, and Gallagher. Additionally, Randy has written for Jay Leno and Joan Rivers. Mr. Riggle's show is suitable for both young and old. Treat the family to a CAB sponsored belly-laugh on 10-4-2001. The show starts at 7 PM in Rhoades Lounge.

On Thursday, November 11, CAB has arranged for a professionally run Casino Night to be held in Rhoades as well. This event is free and runs from 5-9 PM.

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Our Voices

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Teddy Bear Fund Drive

Lori Bowen, Jodi Baker, and our Student Senate have organized a program to help the victims of the Trade Center tragedy.

The University-sponsored drive has the student government accepting cash donations and teddy bears to deliver to the suffering children of New York City.

This program is designed to offer hope and give the children of our area a sense of unity with the children of the tragedy. For more information on this, talk to L. Bowen.

One Who Leads

Many times our alumni go above and beyond their duties of just being student's. I would like to take the time to recognize one of our students, Lori Bowen. She has taken the time out of her busy schedule to coordinate a way to help the children of New York who were victimized by the tragedy of September 11. Therefore I say to you, "Lori, you are appreciated for your time and dedication. Good luck on reaching your goal of having the truck full of teddy bears." So if you see Lori, ask her how you can help her achieve her goal.

M. Mason

Most people are mirrors, merely reflecting the mood and emotions of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners, where troubles fester; and the whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.

Sydney J. Harris

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Financial Aid Fact

Did you knowthat if you pay child support/alimony or have employee business expenses, that these amounts can be taken into consideration by PHEAA in determining the amount of your State grant?

Yes, these things do count, but students are responsible for submitting a separate written request in addition to the FAFSA form. The complete information can be found in the fine print on page 1 of the Applicant's Rights, Responsibilities, and Other Important Information Sheet that comes with your original PHEAA determination.

Be patient; it takes PHEAA a few weeks to process the request. However, the time it takes to write one letter can land you a few more dollars in financial aid, and it is well worth your effort.

Other reasons for requesting reconsideration include: reduction in family income, a change in the number of family members enrolling in higher education, incurring un-reimbursed special education costs for a handicapped child, and un-reimbursed family medical/dental expenses if that amount exceeds 5% of the total family income.

C. Fugate

Student Services

Open House

At the LSC's Open House last Thursday, Sept. 27, we collected signatures and messages which we will be sending on to Governor Ridge as he assumes his new position.

People were invited to come down to read the letter which will accompany the list, and sign it if they wanted to be included. The list is a way to give our campus community a way to feel that we are doing something positive in this wait-and-see-what-is-next time.

Thank you for encouraging students and fellow workers to come in and sign. It will provide a very powerful message of support to Mr. Ridge in the trying days ahead.

The LSC is open 9-9 and there were refreshments and door prizes available.

THANK YOU once again for your support!

D. Hartman

Class Withdrawal

If you are planning to withdraw from a class, you should fill out the proper forms. Your withdrawal will not be recognized officially if you just stop going to class. If you don't withdraw officially it will effect your QPA and you will be financially responsible. Withdrawal forms can be obtained at the administration desk in Frame Hall.♦

Employability Quotient Series



The Career Center EQ Series shifts to **Teamwork** from September 24 to October 5. **The campus will be focusing on the following skills:** listening to others, developing the ability to share your opinions and ideas, learning to accept constructive feedback that can help you gain strength in weak areas, maintaining a positive and open attitude with others, and learning to work toward group goals, as well as personal goals.

The EQ Series is a collaborative program between the Career Center and teaching faculty. Faculty will be exhibiting EQ principles throughout the semester.

Students are encouraged to submit a participation form for instructors who exhibit **EQ Skills**. The forms entitle instructors to a lunch from the snack bar; the forms are at the bookstore. For information contact Barb Lenar ext 1277 RM 230 MH.

Suhr Library Schedule

Suhr Library will now be open

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Greetings, Venango Community,

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Clubs

Student Senate

Welcome aboard, newly elected Senators: Brooke Benedict, Cole McMahon, Tom Myers, and Michelle Mason.

Welcome back, returning Senators: Jason Bidish, Ron Shiley, Susan Cook, and Scott Ghering.

We have a magnificent team this year and I am looking forward to getting started.

L. Harrington-Bowen
Student Senate President

ALO

The Adult Learners Organization will hold a meeting on 10-3-2001 in 320 MH. The meeting starts at 12 noon and there will be snacks and beverages provided.

Psychology Club

The Psych Club will hold a meeting on 10-1-2001 at 7:30 p.m. in room 404 MH.

CEC

Council for Exceptional Children will hold its meeting on 10-1-2001 in Rhoades Lounge from 12-1 PM. All Education and Rehab majors are encouraged to come. Anyone interested in the field of education is welcome to attend. For information contact Darlene Hartman ext. 1341. Hope to see you there!

CAB

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Nursing Column

Nursing club is looking for new members. Interested students should contact Heather Embrey at the Nursing Admin. Office from 12-2 on Mondays.

Signs of Stress

You begin to explore the possibility of setting up an I.V. drip solution of espresso.

Tips for Stress Relief

Whenever you feel overwhelmed by stress, practice speaking more slowly. You'll find that you think more clearly and react more reasonably to stressful situations. Stressed people tend to speak fast and breathlessly; by slowing down your speech you'll also appear less anxious and more in control of any situation.

You might be a nurse if... You do the "only-27-more-minutes-of-the-shift-from-hell happy dance."

A student nurse will spend all day trying to reorient a patient.

An experienced nurse will chart that the patient is disoriented and restrain them.

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Tutor Week

The week of October 7 through the 13th is National Tutor Week. Venango Campus has the only College Reading & Learning Association accredited tutoring center in Western PA. Our LSC Staff must complete 10 hours of training and work with students at least 25 hours per semester to receive certification on one of three levels: regular, advanced, and master levels. In our recent recertification process, the director of the international CRLA organization rated our program as "outstanding," and was astounded to learn that we were not a campus of 25,000 students. Over 85% of the Venango Campus utilize the LSC each semester. Unlike many institutions, *all* of our services are *free*!

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Welcome

On behalf of the University administration, I would like to welcome all the new and returning students to Venango Campus' 40th anniversary year! Throughout the academic year, the campus will be involved in various activities in celebration of this event and I would encourage you to participate when possible.

"Education without socialization is like a half-filled glass!"

In addition, I would like to address the new students and urge you to become an involved citizen of the Venango Campus community! A major portion of your educational experience is the friends you meet, the clubs you join, and the activities in which you participate!

Education without socialization is like a half-filled glass! Don't leave your "educational glass" half full!

Dr. T. Audean
Duespohl



Teddy Bear Drive

The Student Senate inspired and Clarion University/Venango Campus sponsored Teddy Bear Drive is hoping to fill a Hanna Transfer donated truck with cuddly bears to be delivered to the New York area.

"We wanted to do something to help," Jodi Baker explained. "We knew everyone was donating blood and necessary supplies; we really wanted to do something for the children—what better way than teddy bears." The Senate representatives have been asked, "Why teddy bears." To which they respond: "Sure, there are things more useful, but many of them will wear out or be outgrown and discarded. I don't think anyone out-grows a teddy bear, especially if it is attached to a memory and given with love."

Our senate plans to attach notes and addresses to the bears in the hope that pen pal relationships will develop between NY youngsters and our local kids.

Many area businesses and organizations have gotten behind this effort. The Elks Lodge # 110 has donated \$500 to get things rolling. Youth Alternatives is donating packing boxes and is also a drop off site

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Tutor Week continued

Over 130 people signed in at our Open House last week. Forty people won door prizes which were generously provided by Dr. Duespohl, Kim Price, The Five Forks snack area, and the Book Center.

Please stop by the Learning Support Centers on the third floor of Montgomery Hall to meet the staff, find out what all of the hype is about, and to congratulate our staff on the fine work they do to provide the Venango family with quality services!

D. Hartman

Did you notice?

Congratulations to Matt Henc, editor of the *Venango Voice*! When you see Matt around the campus, please tell him what a great job he is doing with the *Venango Voice*. Matt is the new editor, even though he does not give himself credit in the publication. I would urge him to accept this acknowledgement as routine and the praise as deserved!

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EQ Winners

Last week's EQ Winners were Professor B. Hayden and Professor T. Thalker.

Since everything man needs has to be discovered by his own mind and produced by his own effort, the two essentials of the method of survival proper to a rational being are: thinking and productive work.

Ayn Rand

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Respect v. Sucking-Up

Showing respect means that I know who I am and who you are, and I treat you accordingly. If you are my boss or my teacher, I defer to you and make a special effort to be pleasant, to enable you to carry on our mutual work. Respect belongs to a very old culture and will likely be with us for all our lifetimes.

Sucking up means that I think I know who I am, and I assume that you are my equal regardless of your position. In fact, to avoid sucking up, I will be abrasive toward you. Sucking up belongs to a current culture, so-called, produced by inexperienced people of little or no wisdom. It will likely soon collapse of its own weight. A wise choice between showing respect and sucking-up will help your future.

Finally, showing respect means that you blend into a situation; sucking up means that you challenge with lots of body language. Respect means that you know how to be polite and you use that knowledge. Respect, like deodorant, makes it nicer to be around you. Remember what sucking-up rhymes with; choose showing respect.

Dr. Huber

Student Services



Notice:

The School of Nursing is accepting applications for new students and Change of Status Forms for enrolled students who want to apply for the Associate of Science in Nursing class beginning Fall 2002. The deadline for filing is December 15, 2001.

Thank you,
Mary Kavooosi



Placement Tests

The placement tests for Math and English are scheduled for Monday 10-15-01 in 116 Frame Hall. The Math tests will be held from 5:30-6:30, and calculators are now permitted. The English exams will be held from 6:30-8:00. Sign up for the tests in the Frame Admin. Office.

Ping Pong and Pool Tournaments

Sign up today for the men and women's tournaments at the Rhoades Desk.

First place for all the contests is bragging rights and a \$25 gift certificate at the book store. The runner-up gets a \$15 gift certificate.

The tournament brackets must be filled. The date for this event will be announced. □

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E.Q. Skill #3 Computer Skills

Computers, the Internet, e-mail: technology is a fact of life for the average college student. More and more colleges require students to have a computer. The computer skills you use to do fairly simple things, including write your papers with a word processing program or search the Internet for information, are valuable to potential employers. Be sure to include them on your resume.

Employers say that it isn't the specific word processing or e-mail programs you know that will get you a job and help you move up in your career. According to a survey by Cornell University librarian Philip Davis, employers value the concepts you have mastered in using software programs and your ability to adapt to technology as it changes.

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for donated bears. Grace Learning Center will be making cards, Seneca Printing has donated posters, Chris' Stitches designed the shirts, and both Kmart and WalMart have agreed to help wherever they can. The Oil City salvation Army will be working with Hanna Transfer on the delivery logistics.

The "Drive" will be accepting cash donations as well as bears. Tax deductible contributions can be made payable to: French Creek Christian Center-Teddy Bear Drive.

Donated teddy bears can be dropped off at Franklin City Hall, the Franklin YMCA, Youth Alternatives on Graff Street in Oil City, and the Arlington Hotel.

For more information on the TBD contact Student Senate President L. Bowen or J. Baker. □

Psychology Club

Psychology Club Meeting
October 8th @ 7:30 pm
404 Montgomery Hall

CEC

The CEC would have loved to place a submission here, but Amber is really stressed. She promises to gain control of this condition and submit something soon. Hang in there Amber; we're rooting for you. □



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Nursing Column

Warning Signs of Cancer

C = change in bowel habit
A = a sore that doesn't heal
U = unusual discharge/bleeding
T = thickening or lump
I = indigestion
O = obvious change in a mole
N = nagging cough/hoarseness

Signs of Stress

You say the same sentence over and over again, not realizing that you have said it before.

Tips for Stress Relief

Drink plenty of water and eat small, nutritious snacks. Hunger and dehydration, even before you're aware of them, can provoke aggressiveness and exacerbate feelings of anxiety and stress.

You might be a nurse if... You hold the head of a vomiting patient to the side of the stretcher, defiling disposable equipment, not the stuff you have to clean.

A student nurse spends two hours giving a patient a bath.

An experienced nurse lets the CNA give the patient a bath.

Information

PTK

Lollipop,

Lollipop,



Oh Lolli-lollipop....

That's right, PTK is selling those wonderful gourmet Carousel Round brand lollipops. Priced at just 50 cents each why not try all 24 delicious flavors? Look for them on campus and don't miss your chance for these great treats.

C. Fugate

Venango Voice

The Voice is in search of a motivated student interested in training for the position of editor. The training consists of hands-on production of the publication, and currently pays five work-study hours a week.

Interested students should stop by the Voice office, 223 MH, or call ext. 1274, to find out more. □

ALO

The Annual ALO conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 26-28, 2001. All who consider themselves adults are welcome to join us as we expand our horizon in Fort Wayne. For information contact L. Adelson ext 1333.

Registration

Telephone registration for the spring 2002 semester will begin on Monday, October 15. Student's will be eligible to register for classes according to their number of earned credits. A registration list will be posted on the red administration board outside Frame Office the week of October 8, along with the list of advisor office hours and locations.

Please follow the seven easy steps below to insure a successful registration and remember, it is not necessary to leave class should your registration time activate during a scheduled class.

1. Locate your name and registration date/time on the Priority List.
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P. Shaughnessy

Door Prize Winners

A list of the forty LSC Open House door prize winners is available at the center. Hustle up there, check the list, and claim your prize. The LSC gave away a variety of items to its numerous visitors.

We would like to thank Kim Price and Dr. Duesphol for donating the CUP 40th Anniversary mugs and CUP magnets, Colonial Snack Bar (Five Forks) for free meal coupons, Linda in the Book Store for donating CUP mugs, and Darlene Hartman for donating her time. Darlene delighted us with twenty different types of homemade desserts.

M. Sharp

Miscellaneous

Benefit Concert

On the October 20, some of our area's finest bands will gather at the Oil City Moose Club to raise money for the historic transit building on Seneca Street. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. and costs \$10 head.

Ticket are on sale at the following locations: Oil City Chamber of Commerce, Oil City Library, Transit Fine Arts Building, BB Glass, Oil City Voice office (the other one), Williams Decorating. Tickets can also be obtained from Oil City Civic Board members.

Dubbed **Octoberfest**, the event profits will be used to keep the Transit Building, one of Oil City's oldest historic landmarks, operational.

The participating bands are VC's own *Southern Knights*, which both Dan Feroz of Empowerment and Dr. Rick Sabousky play in. *Simply Acoustic*, for which Venango's Tom McLaughlin mans the bass, will also play at this charitable event. Other bands and musician participating at **Octoberfest** are: *Kelly Bros. Band*, pianist *Ken Hall*, and *Phoenix*.

Tickets are sure to go fast, so get your's today. □



Congratulations to the New

**Mr. And Mrs. Ryan
Ashbaugh**

September 29th, 2001

**The wedding and
reception were like a
page from a fairy
tale.**

**Mis, you looked so
elegant; and Ryan,
so handsome.**

**I wish you two the
best.**

Sarah Benton

**'..... and they lived
happily ever after!'**

CUVC

Continuing Education Opportunities

Diane Kozyro is conducting private piano and voice lessons in the Rhoades Auditorium from now until the end of December. The cost of these separate sessions is \$125.

Jim Kole began instructing interested people in Hatha Yoga in Rhoades Gym on the 10-8-01 and will continue until 12-3-01. The cost for this is \$79.

Two area realtors, Dave McVay and Tom Daugherty, are offering the Fundamentals of Real Estate training Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 PM. This session runs 10-9-01 to 11-8-01. Another session begins on 11-13-01. The cost of this training is \$150.

Jim Kelly is helping us get up to speed by offering training in Web Design. These classes will be held in room 311 MH starting Thursday 11-8-01. The cost for this is \$69.

Judy Detar and Ruth Ember will begin instructing those interested in fine arts of Ukrainian Egg Craft and Basket Weaving on 10-11-01. These session will be held in Rhoades Lounge and 413 MH. The cost of these opportunities is \$30 and \$40.

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Thinking Green

In the interest of reducing the impact we have on the planet, Clarion University embraces recycling. Recently Venango's maintenance department criss-crossed the campus distributing new blue recycling bins. The plastic bins are to be used for no-gloss scrap paper.

Periodically the contents will be collected by house keeping to be turned back into usable products.

It's a nice feeling to live consciously knowing your involvement makes a difference. There are a lot of little ways to reduce the insult to the environment; however, they require our attention. Whenever possible, use the new blue bins; one piece of paper's not much, but it all adds up. Thanks, CU, for making it easier for us to do our part.♦

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Writing Center

A writing assignment—what an awful blight!

Will you have to stay up late or work all night?

As if choosing a topic and content isn't difficult enough, The prof also wants the organization and grammar up to snuff.



I've heard The Writing Center can help a bit, Counselors can help you with everything except wit. Just reading your paper aloud may help you discover, What you have, or have not said, in time to edit and re-cover.

Yes, believe it or not, tutoring is offered there for free.

You can have suggestions and feedback without paying a fee. Writing Center counselors will not tear your hard work apart, They know that writing is personal and comes from the heart.

In Montgomery Hall, room 319, with hours you'll appreciate, Counselors are available Mon. through Thurs. from early 'til late.

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.

Albert Einstein

There're week-end hours for those whose schedules are laden, And if that's no help, you may even contact Professor Hayden.

Visit the Writing Center, bring your papers, and give it a spin, You'll be much more confident when you hand your paper in. So if you've got a writing assignment that needs a review, Bring it to the Writing Center and let us help you.

—Sue Rimer

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Tips for Maintaining a Healthy Level of Insanity

1. Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "in".
2. As often as possible skip rather than walk.
3. Every time someone asks you to do something, ask them if they want fries with that.
4. Feign an unnatural fear of staplers.
5. Finish all your sentences with "in accordance with the prophecy."

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Employers say that it isn't the specific word processing or e-mail programs you know that will get you a job and help you move up in your career. According to a survey by Cornell University librarian Philip Davis, employers value the concepts you have mastered in using software programs and your ability to adapt to technology as it changes.

Suhr Library Schedule

Monday - Thursday
8 am - 9 pm

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M. Sparks

Clubs

PTK

Lollipop,

Lollipop,

Oh Lolli-lollipop....

That's right, PTK is selling those wonderful gourmet Carousel Round brand lollipops. Priced at just 50 cents each why not try all 24 delicious flavors? Look for them on campus and don't miss your chance for these great treats.

C. Fugate

CAB

COSMIC BOWLING

Campus Activities

Board invites everyone to come and join us at Seneca Lanes on OCT. 20, 2001. We will be bowling from 9:30pm – 11:30pm and it is only \$4.00 per person. Sign up at Rhoades Desk until OCT. 10. Come and join us for a ball of fun.

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Nursing Club

Stress Awareness

- * Understand stressors
- * Recognize warning signs
- * Monitor reaction
- * Get organized
- * Set reasonable limits
- * Be physically active
- * Get good rest
- * Watch alcohol and caffeine
- * Stop smoking
- * Relaxation technique

You might be a nurse if...in dealing with patients, supervisors, or administrators, it felt good to say, it was probably the wrong thing.

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If you are a student in one of our two-year programs, you may be required to take an elective of your choice in the humanities. If you are in a four-year program, the general education requirements for your

degree (the left hand side of your checksheet, IIC) call for you to complete 9 credits or 3 courses in the arts and humanities. Several courses at Venango Campus are offered that can fulfill these humanities requirements. SCT 225: Communication and Conflict does just that. Other courses currently offered by the SCT Department at Venango Campus that can serve as humanities electives include SCT 200: Interpersonal Communication, offered every spring; and SCT 253: Introduction to Theater, offered every fall. If you are in need of a humanities elective, one of these three courses might be for you.

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Thanks
Lori Bowen, President

Campus Parking

Everyone has experienced the problem with parking. The problem has gotten worse over these past few weeks. The professors and staff have even noticed this persistent problem. Some may think that they could get away with parking on the grass whenever they couldn't find any other place to park, but even with a permit, this will get you a ticket. The only way to solve this problem of getting these

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Simone De Beauvoir

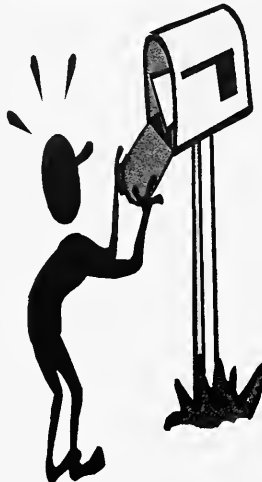
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nasty little parking tickets, is to either get a permit or park on the road. Parking tickets will be issued more frequently if we start complaining. So if you see someone parking without a permit, go to Frame and report them. I don't know about any of you, but I'd much rather pay the \$15.00 once a year for the parking permit, than pay \$10.00 for each ticket.

Laura Renfrew
Donna Burns

Congratulation, and Good Luck in the Finals

Wendy Manning is apparently a "poet who didn't know it." Wendy entered a poetry contest, and now, to her surprise, finds herself a semi-finalist. That's pretty cool, I think. Wendy's Poem:

Light

The light of my life is
a small little girl
in a great big world
whose eyes shine like
diamonds.
Her smile lights up the room
like crystal rainbows.
In this great big world where life
flies by, it all stops, it stands
still.
All for the love of this one little
girl.

Student Services

Thank you

To the Venango Campus Community: administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Your gifts, thoughts, cards, and best of all, your hugs, were greatly appreciated with the recent death of my mother. It was nice to return to work and receive such warm greetings. Thanks again; it's just another reason why Venango Campus is a great place.


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Clubs

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Children who attend the costume party will be permitted to accompany their parent(s) to the dance at no charge. This will be a perfect night for the whole family to get in on the fun.

The dance, open to Venango students, faculty and friends will begin at 8 and we'll howl the night away until 11 pm. Venango's own Sam Gordon will be providing music for the event. A costume contest will be held at the dance so dig out your best get up now. If you think your regular dress is scary enough that is okay too. Cost for the dance is \$3/single and \$5/couple. PTK is asking those who plan to attend to sign up and pre-pay in the campus bookstore.

Come take advantage of this opportunity to blow off some steam and howl a little. Who knows when you will ever get a chance to see your friends and professors in this type of attire again.

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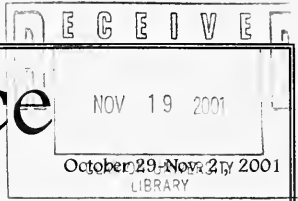
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Job Expo

Western PA Job Expo is scheduled for Wednesday 11-31-01 from 2 - 6:30 PM. This event will be held at the Expo-Mart in Monroeville, PA. Over 114 employers are scheduled to attend. This event is open to all Venango Campus students.

Anyone interested in attending should pre-register by Wednesday, October 31, 2001.

For pre-registration, contact:
Penny Farmery
114 Egbert Hall
Clarion, PA 16323
(814) 393-2323

www.clarion.edu/student/career

***Make sure you check out the bulletin board at the Career Center. You will find valuable information about paid internships as well as sites and dates concerning civil service testing.**

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Halloween History Facts

The celebration of Halloween dates back over 2000 years to the ancient Celts; Druid priests regarded the day as the end of the year.

Halloween, the modern name for Samhain, was an ancient Celtic holy day. October 31 was known as All-Hallows Eve in ancient times, and November 1 was known as All Saints Day; both at one time were Christian holydays. The darkness that occurs between the thirty-first and first is thought by some to be the time when the veil between the living and the dead is the thinnest.

Later in history, Novem-

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Bertrand Russell

ber 2 was made part of the holyday and named All Souls' Day to honor the dead. At that point in history, the three days (31, 1, 2) were spent in wild celebration.

The Celebration of Halloween came to America with early Irish and Scottish (Celtic) immigrants.

Before we carved pumpkins, people used to carve large turnips; this originated in medieval Scotland.



The British legend of the Jack-o-lantern is based on a man, named Jack O'Lantern, who was not allowed to enter heaven or hell. He was forced to wander with only a lantern forever.

Today, Americans spend \$2.5 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday.

J. Strawbridge

ENG111: Writing II Emphasizes the development of critical thinking through analytical and argumentative writing and introduces students to research writing.

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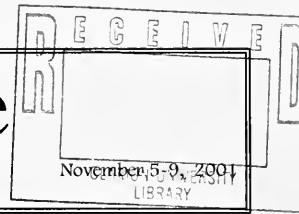
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Fall, spring, or summer 2002 graduating students who are interested in having their picture taken for the memory book are encouraged to contact Student Services, ext 1271. Pictures will be taken on 11-19-01, but you must respond by 11-14-01 to schedule.

The photographer will be in Rhoades Auditorium from 8 AM-noon on the 19th. Call or stop by 222 MH today.

Venango Voice

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ALOC Conference

Venango's adult learners took their show on the road and became presenters at the national Adult Learners on Campus Consortium Conference at Fort Wayne. Nancy Caron, Ken Copley, and Matt Henc shared their personal support strategies with adult learners from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Indiana at the annual event.

Darlene Hartman outlined the evolution of her support network as a student, and its manifestation in her professional life.

The three day event offered workshops on Education in Cyberspace, Success, College Credits for Life Experience, and Sacrifice.

Unwinding from the sessions the group discussed the

finer points of the presentations by the pool and in the hot tub of the Hampton Inn.

Throughout the weekend the concept of networking kept resurfacing; the various facets were discussed and everyone agreed that it is perhaps the most valuable, albeit, under rated tool available to students.



The conference was modestly attended, but made up for this with spirit.

Lou Adelson, a champion of the adult learner cause, ferried our students from A to B and all points in between while maintaining his trademark wit and wisdom without missing a beat.

At the steering committee meeting, a new ALOC steering committee chair was elected; D. Hartman got the nod. Upon her induction, Hartman quickly lobbied to hold the 2002 conference right here at Venango Campus.

The attendees enjoyed a weekend of goal oriented fellowship, picked up some R-n-R, and walked away with a pretty feather in their resumes.

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M. Henc

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As I begin the process of applying for my doctorate and start back on the cycle of class, work, homework, tests, work, dishes, work, or being a grandmother, mother, wife, daughter, friend, associate, and all of the many roles I play, I am intimidated because I don't have TIME to think now. What will I do? How will I survive? I am getting old, will my brain still function?

Stressing out over what is to come robs us of the chance to focus fully on what needs done now. If my granddaughter, Corra, needs her boo-boos kissed now, I kiss them. If the paper needs typed now, I type and let the dishes go; perhaps there really are housecleaning fairies who steal in through the hole in the basement screen and tidy up for me!?! Oh, how I wish!

TIME, Time, time is a concept that can I can either manage or it will run me ragged. Let's not let TIME, or the lack of it, get the best of us

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Grab your IDs and head on down to the OC YMCA and get pumped (OO-RAH), or just have a leisurely workout; whatever your pleasure be.

Blood Drive

The PTK sponsored blood drive will take place on Wednesday 11-7-01 from 9 AM - 1 PM in Rhoades Gym. Find a sign-up sheet or call B. Jackson at ext. 1336 to schedule your donation. If you time it right; run up stairs after, and wolf some pasta at the EAW.

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LSC

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Before you register for the spring semester, stop by the Learning Support Center in 318 MH and check out the COURSE SYLLABUS GUIDE. We have syllabi from all the classes here at Venango Campus. You can check out the requirements for a course before you register so that you can be better prepared.

Also the VENANGO CAMPUS STUDY GUIDES are available to find out exactly what each professor will expect from you.

Both resources are available Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 9:00, Friday 9:00 to 4:00, Saturday 10:00 to 6:00, and Sunday 1:00 to 6:00.

Attention Education Majors

If you have 48 or more earned credits and are working toward certification in Special Education, Foreign Languages, Library Science/Media Specialist, or Secondary Ed. in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, mathematics, or physics—**you may be eligible for a scholarship.** Scholarship applications are available in Frame Hall; talk to Latrobe Barnitz ext.1213, or someone in the Frame office for additional help.

Clubs

CAB

Members of CAB recently attended the annual NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) conference in Charleston, WV. Advisor, Dr. Barb Reagle, Scott Ghering, Sara Lloyd, Jason Biddish, and Amber Youkers all attended the electrifying event.

CAB members watched, listened, and spoke with the top-notch performers and speakers at the conference. The club is currently entertaining the idea of bringing some of the talent to Venango in the future.

The theme for Wednesday's Events Around the World extravaganza is Italy. There will be free samples of Italian food in Rhoades Lobby 11-7-01 from Noon - 2 PM.

Business Club

The Business Club invites you to join us as we welcome Kate Curtis, Outreach Business Consultant for Small Business Development Center on Wednesday, November 7, 2001 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM in Room 413 Montgomery Hall. The topic will be "Outline for Your Business Plan." Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Questions can be directed to Patti Shontz, Club Advisor, at ext. 1269 or Room 224 MH.



CEC

Don't forget our meeting from 12-1 PM today in Rhoades Lounge; hope to see you there.

Today is also the last day for buying raffle tickets and ordering pies. The pies will be delivered on 11-19-01 and can be picked up on the first floor of Rhoades Hall.

If you want to order one last pie or buy one last raffle ticket, see a club member or Darlene Hartman before today's meeting.

Pies come in many varieties, and you will not have to bake them. Buy a pie and a raffle ticket and come to a meeting.

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Psychology Club is having a toy sale! Discovery Toys will be taking orders in Rhoades Center on November 5th from 10:30 - ?

Stop in to see all the fun toys they have to offer!!

Orders will be here before we leave for Christmas Break!!

If you're interested in ordering and can't make it to the demonstration, Psychology Club members will be taking book orders!!

Psychology Club is hosting guest speakers in 404 Montgomery Hall; light refreshments will be provided. Please stop by the following dates:

Nov. 5 6:15 - 7:30

Bill Hawkins / Early Head Start

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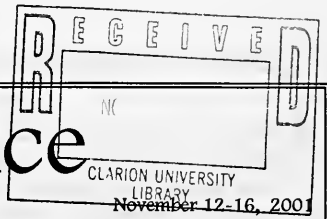
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Venango Voice

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President's Forum

Dr. Reinhard, Clarion University's President, met and had lunch with the our Student Senators prior to the open forum. Available to answer student questions she discussed the parking problem, the plans for campus housing, and transportation between Venango and Clarion.

Dr. Reinhard explained that plans for additional parking and housing are in the works. A plan is being developed so that the two can be integrated. Both projects have been approved; it's more a matter of where and how, not if.

The president also encouraged the campus to provide transportation between campuses, so that Venango students would have greater

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Coffee House

Venango has plenty to offer this week for social and cultural enjoyment. On Wednesday 11-14-01 CAB is hosting a coffee house reminiscent of the ones held in the 60's and 70's. The coffee-house concept as we know it, first emerged with the beatniks in the 50's and, basically, were places where intellectuals, artists, and non-conformists would gather to entertain and enlighten each other with counter culture ideology and avant-garde poetic and musical expression. As word of the unusual "coffeehouse" experiences spread, what started as asylum for individuality became increasingly chic.

Coffeehouses as platforms for launching artistic careers flourished in the 60's and early 70's with the success of Bob Dylan, Cass Elliot, James Taylor, Jim Croce, and others.

The coffeehouse idea is still a popular one today, as the CAB event attests. Wednesday's event will feature the music of Latrobe Barnitz and readings by Sam Gordan and Matt Henc. In keeping with coffee-house tradition the microphone is open to anyone who'd like to share. See you Wednesday; the event starts at 7:00 PM and is scheduled to run until 9:00 PM.

Halloween Success

The PTK children's Halloween Party was a howling success. PTK entertained over one hundred witches, vampires, and various ghouls at the seasonal event.

The throng of young parties paraded around Rhoades Gymnasium led by the Monster Mash Princess, Kristen Niederriter.

Following the parade, they enjoyed bobbing for apples, wrapping each other with toilet paper, decorating pumpkins, palming yummy food stuff, and of course eating goodies. All the faces I saw were smiling.

Seventy-five rolls of toilet paper were used for the tissue mummifications, and eighty plus pumpkins were packed into Steve "Hershey Bar" Lentz's Blazer.

Martin Coe aka "Bob the Builder" was on hand to fix whatever might need fixin'; well, at least he looked the part. However, he did fix brains (spaghetti), eyeballs (grapes), and guts (jello) for all to fondle as they wished.

The party revealed that kids still enjoy bobbing for apples; it was a big hit—in spite of Ron Shiley's menacing presence.

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kids will believe that styro-foam packing peanuts is Boo Poo; for the definition of Boo Poo, call Beth Jackson M.D.-for-a-day, at ext. 1336.

The event revealed that Lori Bowen, or at least her 1950's sock hop equivalent, has a weakness for peppermint patties and Cindy Fugate, alias Queen Bee, can make a bat (squeaky flying rodent) from a toilet paper tube; we just don't know why she does it.

PTK thanks those who pitched in to help make the party a success, from goody baking to post party clean-up; we couldn't have done it without you. If you missed the event, keep your grapes, I mean your eyes peeled for photographs of the fun.

United Front

The Outdoor Club and Ski Club will be holding a joint meeting in 320 MH on Thursday 11-15-01 to discuss future events. All who are interested in enjoying nature and its wonderful opportunities are invited to attend and provide us with your ideas and input. The Penn's Cave trip was a success and we look forward to more exciting events to come.

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New Teddy Bear Deadline

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Hanna Transfer has graciously donated a truck and driver to get them there, but I and a few others will be following the truck to help get the bears delivered. Please contact Lori with TBD questions or if you are interested in buying one of the remaining shirts. Lori's e-mail address is s_lharringt@clarion.edu or she can be contacted at home by calling 437-2241.

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D. Hartman

Clubs

ALO

The Adult Learners Organization took advantage of the grill-your-own get-together to hold an impromptu meeting.

The meeting was called to order by its president, Anissa Ferringer, and the adult learners discussed organization goals, upcoming events, and the recent ALOC conference. Members volunteered for event-related responsibilities and vacant group positions; Nick Skokowski won the position of secretary, while ALO's Vice President, Ken Copley, and media mogul, Matt Henc, agreed to concentrate on meeting publicity. The get-together was attended by nearly thirty adult learners and their families. The club unanimously decided to hold monthly dinner meetings and looks forward to another on 11-30-01 starting at 5:30 PM.

CAB

The CAB Events Around World event was a big success as always; there's something about free food; it just tends to draw a crowd. Maybe the Voice should offer some food as incentive for editorial training.

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The position is a safe way to gain valuable experience in a no-threat environment. Communication majors who are required to have this experience are strongly encouraged to apply. The training consists of working on production of the publication, and currently pays five work-study hours a week. As the current editor, I can't understand why the position isn't filled. Sure it's work, but the rewards are innumerable; 5 hours a week paid (hmmmm, maybe I can scoop that up somehow).

Interested students should stop by the Voice office, 223 MH, or call ext. 1274, to find out more.

Business Club

Kate Curtis' presentation was a success. Ms. Curtis passionately shared insights on business planning from inception to final analysis. Guiding her audience through an in-depth hand-out, she outlined the pitfalls and rewards of being your own boss. All in attendance were enlightened by Kate's inspired presentation.

There are several hand-out left over; if you would like one contact Patti Shontz 222 MH ext 1269



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access to cultural opportunities at Clarion. She wanted it to be clear that we are welcome to attend all CU events.

Dr. Reinhard is also working on getting the Clarion Campus Senate and Venango Campus Senate together in a networking effort designed to benefit both Clarion sites.

Dr. Reinhard had many nice things to say about Venango Campus and its students. She specifically congratulated PTK on its recent successful Halloween Party and gave the thumbs-up to Student Senate's Teddy Bear Drive. For additional information on the president's visit contact Student Senate President Lori Bowen, ext 1231.

Student Senate Search

We are looking for a student who would like to travel, or does travel to Clarion Campus and would like to attend a CSA Board meeting. The Board meets on a designated Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. The interested student would then report the information back to the VC Senate at a Senate meeting or in writing. We are also looking for a student who would like to attend Main Campus Student Senate Meetings which are held every Monday at 7:30 p.m. If interested contact Senate.

SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

We are fast approaching the first deadline date for submitting scholarship applications.

Friday November 16, 2001 is the deadline for submitting applications for second semester "first time in college at Venango Campus" scholarships. As the name implies, these awards are made to encourage someone to try the college experience. Present students are NOT eligible. If you have a friend who might like to try the college experience, encourage them to apply by the November 16 deadline. Applications are available in the rack near the Frame Office or in the admission office. We usually award 5 to 10 scholarships at this time.

Wednesday February 14, 2002 is the deadline for applying for scholarships for the next school year, September 2002 to May 2003. Anyone who will be a student during the next school year may apply. This includes current Venango Campus students, current high school seniors, new students, transfer students, etc. Applications are not yet available. They should be available by January 14, 2002 at the latest in the rack near the Frame Office. We usually award over 50 scholarships at this time.

Venango Thanksgiving Dinner Social

This year's Thanksgiving celebration is growing and growing. The Adult Learners Organization and the Council for Exceptional Children have both voted to help sponsor and support the dinner being held in Rhoades.

**Friday November 16
at
6:30pm.**

We have arranged for live entertainment by John Coy & Doug Fornoff who will be playing guitars and singing. We will also have a couple of other surprise entertainers who will be presenting their original poetry and songs which were written in response to the September tragedy.

Each person attending will be given a chance to share their reason(s) for being thankful on our "Venango Campus Is Thankful For" wall of turkeys. So don't be a turkey, come and have some turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, beverages, and other home made goodies with your family and friends.

All you have to do is sign up in 318 Montgomery and tell how many will be attending and what covered dish and/or dessert you will bring, then show up ready to relax and enjoy!!!!!!

D. Hartman

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The August 2002 deadline date has not been set yet, but will be by April 1. The summer application period is for new and returning students, specifically anyone not enrolled during the spring semester. Applications will be mailed to area high schools and will be available at Venango Campus by April 1, 2002. We usually award 10 to 20 scholarships in August.

You must be taking at least part of your schedule at the Venango Campus to be eligible for these scholarships. Clarion Campus students are not eligible for Venango Campus scholarships unless they are also taking courses at the Venango Campus. Applications may be submitted to the Frame Office or to Dr. Glenn R. McElhattan, Scholarship Committee Chair. Questions may be addressed to Dr. McElhattan in 103 Frame Hall or to Latrobe Barnitz in the Admissions Office at Venango Campus.

Dr. G. R. McElhattan



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Nov. 22 - 25 (Thurs - Sun.)

Campus Caring Tree

Venango's Student Services Department invites you to join us in the spirit of giving this holiday season. The Student Services Department will be coordinating a Campus Caring Tree to help make the



holiday season a little brighter for the less fortunate. Students, faculty, and staff members are invited to submit names and telephone numbers of any campus personnel or their family that could use a little help making the holidays bright. Names should be submitted to Dr. Barb Reagle in 219 MH ext 1270 as soon as possible. All information will be kept with strictest confidence. Dr. Reagle will determine eligibility of all submissions. Nominations and qualifying information may be emailed to reagle@mail.clarion.edu

The Caring Tree Fund is also accepting cash donations questions may be directed to Student Services, 222 MH, ext 1271, 1270 or 1269.

Help us help others; contribution deadline is December 7, 2001.

PTK Food Drive

The holiday season is upon us once again and my how fortunate we are this year. Personally, I have a lot of things to be thankful for and I hope you do too. Not everyone has it so good though. The drive is to benefit less fortunate local families. Next time you pack your school bag how about putting in an extra something to drop off in one of the bright yellow boxes on campus? We will be collecting non-perishable food items through November 19th. Then our elves, Steve Lentz and Martin Coe, will be delivering everything to Community Services of Venango County just in time for Thanksgiving. I know the guys have been working out on Mondays during Volleyball to get in shape for this. Let's put their hard-work to good use! Give thanks for all you have and give a little something to benefit others.

C. Fugate

Venango Voice

November 19-23, 2001

Post Coffeehouse

CAB's candlelight coffee house last Wednesday was a warm relaxed affair. Scott Ghering opened the event, welcoming the attendees and introducing reader Sam Gordon. Sam began by reciting an original poem born of the day's chemistry notes.

Setting the relaxed tone, Sam followed with several pieces from renowned poets such as Frost and Longfellow. The readings were smooth and measured and were enjoyed by all.

Latrobe Barnitz and Adam then harnessed their acoustic guitars and played original songs in mellow grunge style. The pair handled their axes with unassuming skill and matched their guitars with gritty vocals and haunting prose.

With music adding to the event's calm, Sam read other

treasured works before having to leave for class.

Upon Sam's departure, Matt Henc read a variety of original work pulled from a personal collection. Prefacing the work as largely incomplete, Matt read his prose-style poetry clearly with drama.

As the night wore, on the focus shifted from poetry to music and back again. Inspired by the relaxed atmosphere, others took advantage of the open-mic format to share various insights and talent. Erica Puleo sang acappella verses from the popular Jewel song, and read a requested poem. Corrine Carbaugh shared insights into the plight of Sophocles' Antigone, creating significant parallels between the ancient work and our lives today. Corrine encouraged flexibility of viewpoint as opposed to rigid thinking for meeting today's challenges.

The event closed as laidback as it began with everyone chipping in to put Rhoades back together again.

There was brief discussion about future coffeehouse events and it was agreed that more will be planned for the coming semester.

Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to Latrobe and Adam for lending your talent on this occasion.

Student Employee Payday

The University will be closed for the November 23 student pay day. IF STUDENT PAY-CHECKS ARRIVE on Tuesday, any Venango student worker who would like their check mailed to their home must provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Administration Office by 11/20. Checks will be mailed on 11/21. If they arrive from Harrisburg in time to reach Venango on Wednesday.

The Venango Administration Office - will be closing at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 21. We will reopen at 8:00 am, Monday, November 26.

School of Nursing Office - will be closed from 12:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday. They will reopen at 8:00 am, Monday, November 26.

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A. Youkers

Tips for Maintaining a Healthy Level of Insanity

1. Sing along at the opera.
2. Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."
3. In the memo field of all your checks, write "FOR SEXUAL FAVORS."
4. Page yourself over the internet, and don't disguise your voice.
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It is only possible to live happily ever after on a daily basis.

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Thanksgiving Facts

The Pilgrims did have a feast in 1621, after their first harvest, and it is this feast which people often refer to as "The First Thanksgiving".

According to the history channel, there were no forks at the first Thanksgiving. The now famous 1621 event had been in fact entirely forgotten until the 1820s, when the full text of Mourts Relation (1622) with the reference to the feast was rediscovered.

The first national Thanksgiving was declared in 1777 by the Continental Congress and native people were definitely among the invited guests. It's possible, even probable, that turkey (roasted but not stuffed) and pumpkin in some form, found their way to the table of the very first Thanksgiving feast.

J. Strawbridge

Silver Reflections Winter Formal

On Friday December 7, 2001, CAB / Dance Committee will be hosting a dinner dance at Wanango Country Club in Reno. The event runs from 6:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. The cost for this event is \$5.00 per student and \$7.00 per faculty/Staff. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and music will be provided by DJ Jim Close.

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We can use these new and relevant skills to become more efficient and productive individuals.

In today's job market you must be able to develop and utilize transferable skills.

The more you know within a particular job or company, the more apt you are to be promoted. Not only do you need to be a critical thinker, be able to learn new skills, and exhibit transferable skills, but you also need to use good old common sense.

Stop by or phone the Career Center 228 MH ext 1275 to find out more about what you can do to develop the skills necessary for success in today's marketplace. B. Lenar

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CEC

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ALO Dinner Meeting

The Adult Learners Organization will be hosting a tureen style dinner meeting this Friday (11-30-01), starting at 5:30 PM. The club recently decided to combine the business of club involvement with the pleasure of a social gathering "in an effort to strengthen and expand our learning community" a spokesperson said.

Club involvement, through group participation, supports learning and personal growth in untold ways. The ALO, recognizing the value of club networking, has currently made it a priority to encourage this development throughout Venango.

A spirited bunch, lead by advisor Lou Adelson, the club associates experience with pleasure for a powerful learning combination.

At the last dinner meeting the club discussed Venango Campus' hosting of the

next ALOC conference, effective goal approaches, and its vision for the future.

This Meeting will address the development of committees for the coming conference, events for the Spring, and publicity.

Consider yourselves personally invited to Friday's get-together; see you there.

Silver Reflections Winter Formal Friday December 7, 2001,



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Venango Thanksgiving Social

The campus Thanksgiving dinner was an extraordinary success. The event, a collaborative effort of the LSC, CEC, and ALO, was attended by approximately one hundred and ten students, faculty, and their families.

Like precision clockwork the principals (D. and M. Hartman, L. Adelson, N. Caron, M. Sparks, H. Burneisen, C. Fugate, M. Henc, T. Rimer, N. Skokowski, B. Sharrar, T. Bell, S. Faunce, G. Reese) transformed Rhoades into a fine banquet room; tables covered, decorations hung, and the food stirred, not shaken.

The evening's entertainment was provided by John and Doug. The pair played popular Beatles songs and requests until the last person left.

The highpoint of the evening, besides hearing "it's your turn to eat", came when two of Clarion's international students and several youngsters shared songs and poetry inspired by September's tragedy. Adepero Macaulay shared questioning prose and honored maternal importance in our world. Tosin Aribisala belted out powerful acappella verse encouraging unity and tolerance. Nicholas Reese made his debut singing an "original" piece that he made up." Thanks to all attendees and all who lent a hand.

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Making His Case

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The work, only a small portion of the total, possesses ponderous depth that insists one's fascination. Each piece is titled by the artist with a description of its medium.

With titles like *Death of Innocence—Birth of Life*, *Wireless Life Echoes in Eternity*, *Virtual Suicide*, and *the Eye of the Beholder*, the images inspire sober reflection and speak to the viewer with hushed tones beckoning closer steadied examination.

The works, computer enhanced photographs and paint on board are done with power and purpose disclosing the soul of the artist honing his craft.

To those that read these words, when you get a chance, stop by the glass cases in Montgomery's lobby and experience the world of Thomas Shreve. The works are for sale; prices can be obtained by e-mailing the artist at:

tomtel_inside@hotmail.com

It is our duty as men and women to proceed as though the limits of our abilities do not exist.

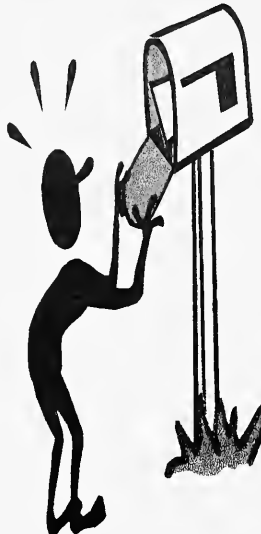
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Everyone is invited to join us Saturday, Dec. 1 at 4:00 in Rhoades to help wrap and prepare the gifts for delivery.

The deliveries will take place immediately following the World AIDS Day Coffee House.

You may have noticed that on the tree there are a few tags requesting either 5 or 10 dollars sealed in an envelope. These total \$20 per family. We thought it might be nice to present this money as a Wal-Mart gift card for the purchase of any last minute items, like batteries, film, etc.

There are also a couple of tags with items like bows, tape, tags, and wrapping paper on the tree. These items will be used to wrap the Caring Tree gifts.

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C. Shreffler



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What Was Here First?

The Venango Campus of Clarion University, in its fortieth year, celebrates its part in helping to change lives through higher education.

A wealth of information is available on the last forty years, but what about before then; what was here before VC?

In researching, I didn't unearth any dinosaur bones or a lost civilization, but I did discover a tranquil time when West First street ended at Main on the South Side and became Peach. That was approximately 1865. It took another twenty years for civilization to move south closer to where the campus is now.

If Carrier Seminary of Western PA, Clarion U's predecessor, would have decided to build a campus in Oil City back in 1867 instead of Clarion, students could have ridden the trolley to class. It rolled by the grounds on a schedule between Oil City and Monarch Park.

In the late 1800's, one might have observed a cow grazing or perhaps some chickens pecking on this land owned by a local farmer.

Not as exciting as a Woolly Mammoth's remains or a Stonehenge, but that's what was here first.

S. Gordon

Diamond or Glass

A full semester gone, nothing but final projects and exams between us and our hard work's prize. Did we fare well? Did we stick to the task, exercising the discipline necessary to accomplish the goal? I hope to hear a resounding yes throughout the campus when these words are read.

The outcome of this semester is the measure of focused energy I put into it. I look for no handout, no special consideration; I did not embark on this journey blindly believing myself to be so superior that I merely needed to be physically present to do well.

Accurate emotionless appraisal is what the final mark reveals. And where that mark may perhaps be the most useful knowledge I gain this semester. For it will tell me, not of mathematical formulas or economic theories, not of styles or stages of any kind, but of myself and my level of commitment of. There is no more valuable information than self knowledge. One week left is still time for me to take measured breaths, steady my mind, and honor myself with real effort. I will choose this over casting blame and arguing for self-prophetic limitation with whining excuses and lame reasons why I can't or didn't.

M. Henc

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Greene at Clarion

On November 12, Mike Greene, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober for 23 years, shared his knowledge of alcohol abuse with the students of Clarion University. As a current football coach and former fraternity member, "Greenie" drew the attention of the athletic society as well as many of the Greeks.

The main points of his speech focused not on alcoholism but instead on a term that he has introduced as the "one-nighter." A one-nighter is defined as a person who is not an alcoholic but does have an alcohol problem for one night. Any drinker who has thrown up, got in a fight, lost privileges, etc. as a result of one night of drinking is a one-nighter.

Greenie is encouraging students to act as a "Spotter." A spotter is a friend who defuses possibly damaging situations before they get out of hand. An example would be taking the keys from an intoxicated driver, or escorting the drinker home.

Greenie also enforced the general rules of safe drinking: Never expose your drink in a way that someone is able to put a mickey in it. Be sure you know what is in the glass before drinking it. Don't go out

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no true man is elated.
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J. Silvis

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Information

Speech and Hearing Screening for Education Majors

The Speech and Hearing Clinic, located on the ground floor of the Keeling Health Center, will once again be offering speech, language, and hearing screenings to candidates for certification in the College of Education and Human Services. Students will report in alpha order as noted below on the following days and times:

A - H

Tuesday December 4
9:00 - 1:00

I - P

Wednesday December 5
9:00 - 1:00

Q - Z

Thursday December 6
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Make up day

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You must be taking at least part of your schedule at the Venango Campus to be eligible for this scholarship. Clarion Campus students are not eligible for Venango Campus scholarships unless they are also taking courses at the Venango Campus. Applications may be submitted to the Frame Office or to Dr. Glenn R. McElhattan, Scholarship Committee Chair. Questions may be addressed to Dr. McElhattan in 103 Frame Hall or to Latrobe Barnitz in the Admissions Office at Venango Campus.

Dr. G. R. McElhattan

Miscellaneous

You Go Girl

Patti Young, one of Venango's student champions, is moving on. Having been a student here for over two years, Patti has decided to take her learning to the road and continue sculpting her future in a more specific direction.

A dedicated student, Patti has long been a source of help and encouragement at Venango—both the institution and its students. "Patti has been a powerful advocate for the campus and its students. Whenever someone was in need or something needed done, you could bet Patti was there pitching in." Dr. Reagle said.

Choosing an informal role as opposed to an official one, Patti has been an avid supporter of our campus clubs and functions in her years here. Often with entourage, Patti has brought her trademark charm and class to campus events. Always pleasant, always helpful, her presence at Venango will be sorely missed.

If you haven't had the pleasure of getting to know Patti personally the following poem should give you a sense of her being. Best wishes, Patti, and please do stay in touch.

The poem in the next column was written by P. Young and submitted by A. Youkers.

Untitled

My years at Venango
Have come to an end
You all showed me love
You have all been
great friends.
Through good times
and bad times
You stood by my side
You made me feel welcomed
I shared with you my pride.

Good friends come often
Best friends are few
You all have been special
We all have been blue.
I cherish your friendship
You are close to my heart
I will not lose contact
When I make my new start.

Your smiles, your tears
Will always remain
If not for each other
Than you will live with the pain.
I will miss all the lunch dates
I will miss all the smoking
But that does not mean that
We have to stop all the joking.

If ever you need me
I will always be there
Not only for the glory
But because I do care.
You all will go far
There is no doubt in my mind
But all that I ask is
Do not leave my friendship
behind.

I treasure you all
And wish you the best
I promise my dedication
Now you do the rest.

Alternative Study Space

Monarch Park Cafe would like to announce its re-opening. promoting a youth friendly Alcohol & Drug free environment for all Oil City Students. Come to the Cafe, study in the lounge and do research using our computers all for Free.

Saturday is Open Mic Night from 5-7p.m.; this week's host is Oil City's own Jake Karns.

The café is open 7a.m. to 7p.m. Monday through Saturday and located across from the cannon at 17 Central Avenue. If you would like to arrange a study group after our business hours, call Monarch Park Café; we can make arrangements to accommodate you: 677-6194



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